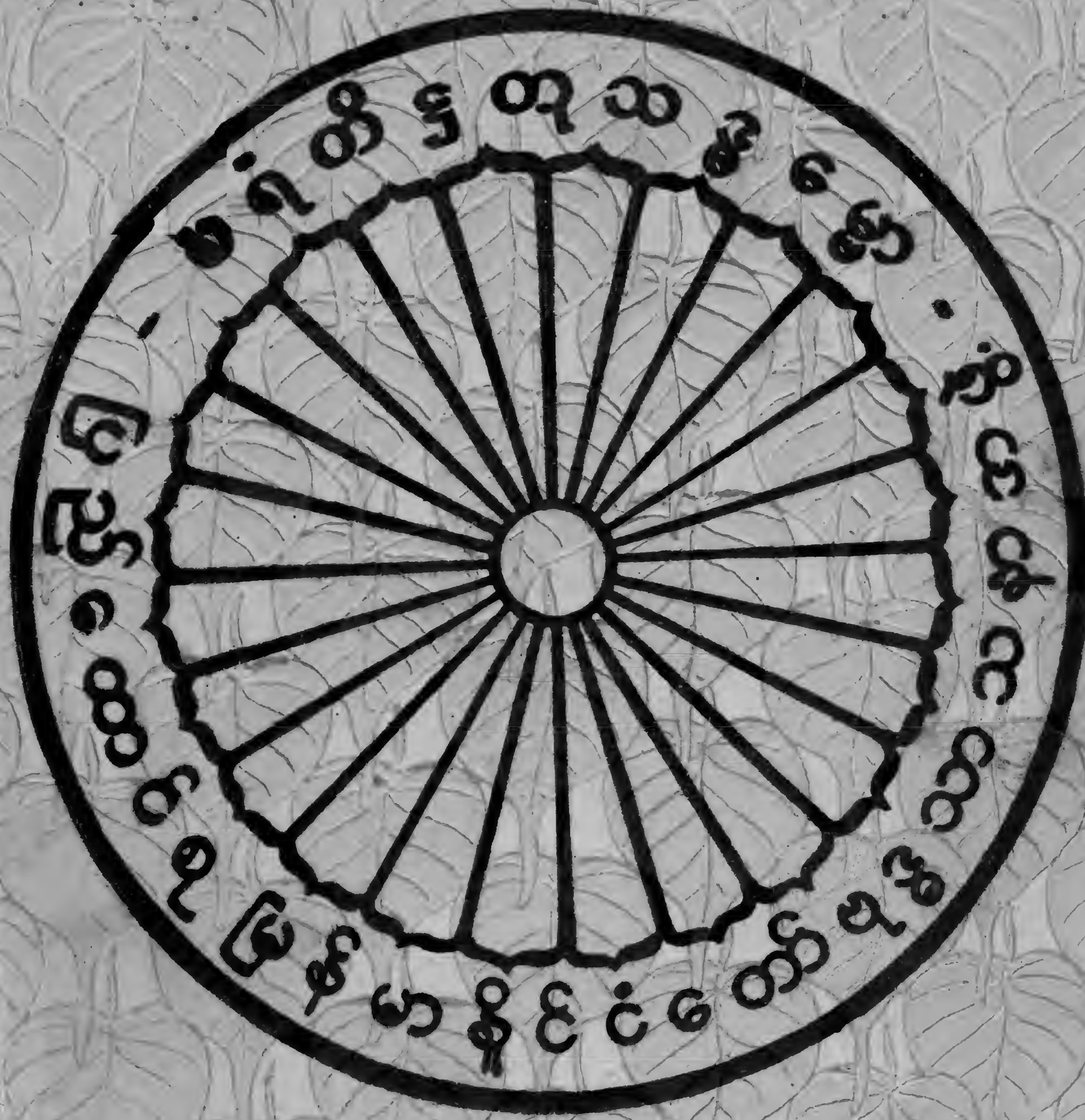


CHATTHA SANGAYANA

2500th Buddha Jayanti

Celebrations

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Souvenir publication to commemorate the successful conclusion of the Sixth Great Buddhist Council and 2500th Buddha Jayanti on the Full Moon Day of Kason 2500 B.E. (May 24, 1956)

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H.E. the President of the Union of Burma, *Agga Maha Thiri Thudhamma* Dr. Ba U, Chief Patron of the Chattha Sangayana and 2500th Buddha Jayanti Celebrations Central Committee



The Hon'ble Prime Minister U Nu, Patron of the Chattha Sangayana and 2500th Buddha Jayanti Celebrations Central Committee, whose zeal and vision brought about the convening of the Sixth Great Recital, the most momentous undertaking in modern-day Buddhism



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Programme for Country-wide Celebrations

(On the successful conclusion of the Sixth Great Buddhist Council and the 2500th Anniversary of the Buddha's Sasana on May 24, 1956)

1. (*a*) The great events will be celebrated in Rangoon for six days from 13th Waxing of Kason, 1318 B.E. (22nd May 1956) to 3rd Waning of Kason, 1318 B.E.(27th May 1956).

   (*b*) The celebrations will be held in the districts for three days from 14th Waxing of Kason, 1318 B.E. (23rd May 1956) to 1st Waning of Kason, 1318 B.E. (25th May 1956).

   Excepting Rangoon, during the three days, District, Subdivisional and Village organizations will be formed to arrange the following :—

   (1) Illuminate pagodas, monasteries, shrines and residences at night.

   (2) Hoist the Sasana Flag on offices, houses and vehicles.

   (3) Offer alms to monks, lavishly feed the poor, and initiate persons into novicehood and monkhood.

   (4) Close fish–mongeries, slaughter houses and liquor shops.

   (5) Set free birds and animals meant for slaughter.

   (6) Keep the Sabbath.

   (7) Gilt or white-wash pagodas and shrines.

   (8) Stage plays, marionette shows, dances (anyein) depicting scenes from outstanding religious episodes from the Jataka Stories.

   (9) Sponsor sermons preaching attainment of Nirvana.

NOTE.—The above items 1 to 9 will also be observed in Rangoon, the only difference being the duration of celebrations, *i.e.*, three days in the districts and six days in Rangoon.

As the Sixth Great Buddhist Council will terminate at 10 a.m. on the full moon day of Kason, 1318 B.E. (24th May 1956), the following will be observed in Rangoon and the districts :–

1. Before 10 a.m. monks and laymen will assemble at appointed places where the Bo plant (under which Gautama Buddha attained Enlightenment) and Gangaw––Mesua pedunculata plant––(under which the next embryo Arimittiya Buddha will attain Enlightenment) are to be planted.
2. After assembling, laymen will observe the Precepts administered by the Sanghas (monks) and listen to recitations of the Buddhist Scriptures. Offering to the monks will also be made.
3. At the stroke of 10 a.m. the Bo and Gangaw plants will be planted. Gongs, bells and sirens will be sounded simultaneously throughout the length and breadth of the Union.
4. Simultaneously, Burma Air Force planes will drop leaflets proclaiming the success of the Sixth Great Buddhist Council and the 2500th Anniversary of Buddha's Sasana Celebrations, in the following eight towns :—

   (1) Rangoon.
   (2) Mandalay.
   (3) Bassein.
   (4) Prome.
   (5) Akyab.
   (6) Taunggyi.
   (7) Moulmein.
   (8) Toungoo.

Programme for Rangoon Celebrations

CHATTHA SANGAYANA

(The Sixth Great Buddhist Council)

CONCLUDING CEREMONIES

AND

2500th Buddha Jayanti Celebrations

[From 22nd to 27th May 2500 B.E. (1956 C.E.)]

PROGRAMME FOR FIRST DAY

(22nd May 2500 B.E.—1956 C.E.)

THE PROCEEDINGS TO OPEN AT 8-00 A.M.

(Signal by sound of drum, gong and conch)

1. His Excellency *Agga Maha Thiri Thudhamma* Dr. Ba U, President of the Union of Burma, *Thado Thiri Thudhamma* Sir U Thwin, President of the Union of Burma Buddha Sasana Council, the Hon'ble U Nu, Prime Minister of the Union of Burma, will pay homage to the Buddha by offering flowers, igniting lights and burning incense in front of the Buddha Image.
2. Bhadanta Nagavamsa Mahathera (Bagaya Tawya Sayadaw), Honorary Secretary of the Sangha Bharanittharaka Sabha (the Supreme Sangha Council) will announce the opening of the First Day Chattha Sangayana concluding Ceremonies in Pali and Burmese.
3. The Sangha Mahathera (Elder Monk who is most senior amongst the Monks present) will propose His Holiness the Most Venerable Abhidhaja Maharatthaguru Bhadanta Suriyabhivamsa (Masoeyein Sayadaw), Chattha Sangiti Bharanittharaka Sangha Sabhapati (President of the Sangha Supreme Council) as the Chattha Sangiti Sangha Mahanayaka (Chairman).

(The Sangha will signify its assent by uttering *Sadhu* thrice, followed by sound of gong and conch)

4. The Chattha Sangiti Sangha Mahanayaka (Chairman) will pay homage to the Buddha by offering flowers, igniting lights and burning incense in front of the Buddha Image and take his place on the Presidential Dais.
5. Bhadanta Pandita Mahathera, Member of the Sangha Bharanittharaka Sabha, will read in Pali and Burmese a Laudatory Address relating to the Celebrations for the successful conclusions of the Chattha Sangayana.
6. The Sangha Mahanayaka (Chairman) His Holiness the Most Venerable Abhidhaja Maha Ratthaguru Bhadanta Suriyabhivamsa will administer the *Panca Sila* (Five Precepts).
7. Messages from Buddhist Associations, distinguished monks and Leaders from different parts of the world will be read.
8. Distinguished Bhikkhu and Lay Delegates from different parts of the world will deliver speeches and addresses of veneration.
9. Daw Nwe Nwe Yi (wife of the Hon'ble U Kyaw Nyein, Minister of Industries), Vice-President of the Chattha Sangayana Women's Catering Association, will deliver an address of veneration.
10. Hon' ble *Thado Maha Thray Sithu* Justice U Chan Tun, Judge of the Supreme Court of the Union of Burma, and Honorary Secretary-General (1) of the Buddha Sasana Council will deliver an address of veneration.

11. The Hon'ble U Ba Saw, Minister for Religious Affairs of the Government of the Union of Burma will deliver an address of veneration.
12. The Sangha Mahanayaka will propose (in Pali) the names of Ven'ble Aggamahapandita Bhadanta Sobhana (Mahasi Sayadaw) and Ven'ble Tipitakadhara Dhammabhandagarika Bhadanta Vicitasarabhivamsa as the Pucchaka (Questioner) and Visajjaka (Replier) respectively.
13. The Pucchaka will take his seat on the Special Dais.
14. The Visajjaka will take his seat on the Special Dais.
15. The Pucchaka and Visajjaka Mahatheras will ask and answer questions pertaining to the Vinaya Pitaka in Pali and Burmese.
16. The Sangitikaraka Bhikkhus will chant extracts from the Vinaya Pitaka.

(The Bhikkhus present will utter *Sadhu* thrice.)

Bhadanta Nagavamsa Mahathera will announce the termination of the First Day Chattha Sangayana Concluding Ceremonies both in Pali and Burmese.

(Signal by sound of drum, gong and conch)

PROGRAMME FOR HONOURING CEREMONIES

THE PROCEEDINGS TO OPEN AT 1-00 P.M. ON 22ND MAY 1956

1. *Wunna Kyawhtin* Pinlon Daw Nu Yin, Honorary Secretary of the Chattha Sangayana Women's Catering Association, will announce the opening of the ceremony in Pali and Burmese.
2. Pinlon Daw Kyi Kyi, Joint-Secretary of the Chattha Sangayana Women's Catering Association, will read a laudatory address in verse.
3. His Holiness the Most Venerable Abhidhaja Maha Ratthaguru Bhadanta Suriyabhivamsa (Masoeyein Sayadaw), Chattha Sangiti Bharanittharaka Sabhapati (Chairman of the Supreme Sangha Council), will administer the *Panca Sila* (Five Precepts). (The audience will take the *Panca Sila*).
4. His Excellency *Agga Maha Thiri Thudhamma* Dr. Ba U, President of the Union of Burma, and Chief Patron of the Central and Executive Committees for the Celebrations of the successful conclusion of the Chattha Sangayana and the 2500th Anniversary of the Buddha-Sasana, will deliver an address of veneration.
5. The Hon'ble U Nu, Prime Minister of the Union of Burma, and Patron of the Central and Executive Committees for the Celebrations of the successful conclusion of the Chattha Sangayana and the 2500th Anniversary of the Buddha-Sasana, will deliver an address of veneration.
6. The Hon'ble *Agga Maha Thray Sithu Thado Thiri Thudhamma* U Thein Maung, Chief Justice of the Union of Burma, and President of the Central and Executive Committees for the Celebrations of the successful conclusion of the Chattha Sangayana and the 2500th Anniversary of the Buddha-Sasana, will deliver an address of veneration.
7. Daw Nwe Nwe Yi (wife of the Hon'ble U Kyaw Nyein, Minister of Industries), Vice-President of the Chattha Sangayana Women's Catering Association, and Chairman of the Gifts-Offering Sub-Committee of the Celebrations for the successful conclusion of the Chattha Sangayana and the 2500th Anniversary of the Buddha Sasana, will deliver an address of veneration.
8. Pitaka Texts and other gifts will be offered.
9. *Wunna Kyawhtin* Pinlon Daw Nu Yin, Honorary Secretary of the Chattha Sangayana Women's Catering Association, will announce the termination of the First Day Honouring Ceremonies.

(Signal by sound of gong and drum)

PROGRAMME FOR SECOND DAY (23-5-56)

THE PROCEEDINGS TO OPEN AT 8-00 A.M.

(Signal by sound of drum, gong and conch)

1. Bhadanta Nagavamsa Mahathera (Bagaya Tawya Sayadaw), Honorary Secretary of the Sangha Bharanittharaka Sabha (The Supreme Sangha Council) will announce the opening of the Second Day Chattha Sangayana Concluding Ceremonies in Pali and Burmese.

2. His Holiness the Most Venerable Abhidhaja Maha Ratthaguru Bhadanta Suriyabhivamsa (Masoeyein Sayadaw), Chattha Sangiti Sangha Mahanayaka (Chairman) will administer the *Panca Sila* (Five Precepts.)

(The audience will take the *Panca Sila.*)

3. Messages received from abroad will be read.
4. Sangha Mahanayaka Theras and Leaders of Governments attending the Ceremonies from abroad will deliver speeches and addresses of veneration.
5. Hon'ble *Agga Maha Thray Sithu Thado Thiri Thudhamma* U Thein Maung, Chief Justice of the Union of Burma, and Vice-President of the Buddha Sasana Council will deliver an address of veneration.
6. Hon'ble U Nu, Prime Minister of the Union of Burma, will deliver an address of veneration.
7. The Ven'ble Aggamahapandita Bhadanta Sobhana (Pucchaka) and Ven'ble Tipitakadhara Dhammabhandagarika Bhadanta Vicittasarabhivamsa (Visajjaka) will ask and answer questions pertaining to the Suttanta Pitaka in Pali and Burmese.
8. The Sangiti-karaka Bhikkhus will chant extracts from the Suttanta Pitaka.

(The Bhikkhus present will utter *Sadhu* thrice.)

Bhadanta Nagavamsa Mahathera will announce the termination of the Second Day Chattha Sangayana Concluding Ceremonies both in Pali and Burmese.

(Signal by sound of drum, gong and conch)

THE GREAT NOVITIATION CEREMONY PROGRAMME (23-5-56)

1. The ceremony will open at 4 p.m. with the sound of drums and conch.
2. H.E. *Agga Maha Thiri Thudhamma* Dr. Ba U, President of the Union of Burma will pay homage to the Buddha by offering flowers, lights and burning incense in front of the Buddha Image. He will then deliver an address of veneration.
3. Daw Mya Yee (Mrs. Nu), President, Withakha Women's Association, will announce the opening of the Great Novitiation Ceremony. She will then request the Reverend Sayadaw to administer the *Panca Sila* (Five Precepts).
4. The audience will observe the Five Precepts.
5. *Thado Thiri Thudhamma* Sir U Thwin, President, Union Buddha Sasana Council, will deliver a speech relating to the origin and cause of the Great Novitiation Ceremony.
6. The Hon'ble Minister for Religious Affairs will deliver an Address of Veneration.
7. Goodwill message about the Ceremony will be read.
8. Daw Mya Yee will request the Reverend Sayadaws to admit the 2,500 Youths into the Buddhist Clergy.
9. These 2,500 Youths will don yellow robes after taking words of advice of Reverend Sayadaws.
10. Burmese classical songs about the success of the ceremony.
11. Daw Mya Yee will perform libation ceremony, and ask the audience to share merits.

(Sound of drum, gong and conch to make the termination of the Ceremony.)

PROGRAMME FOR THIRD DAY (24-5-56)

THE PROCEEDINGS TO OPEN AT 8-00 A.M.

(Signal by sound of drum, gong and conch)

1. Bhadanta Nagavamsa Mahathera (Bagaya Tawya Sayadaw), Honorary Secretary of the Sangha Bharanittharaka Sabha (The Supreme Sangha Council) will announce the opening of the Third Day Chattha Sangayana Coucluding Ceremonies in Pali and Burmese.
2. Messages received from aboard from Sangharajas, Presidents and Rulers will be read.
3. Sangharajas, (Presidents and Rulers) attending the Ceremonies from abroad will deliver speeches and addresses of veneration.
4. *Thado Thiri Thudhamma* Sir U Thwin, President of the Union of Burma Buddha Sasana Council, will deliver an address of veneration.

5. His Excellency *Agga Maha Thiri Thudhamma* Dr. Ba U, President of the Union of Burma, will deliver an address of veneration.
6. His Holiness the Most Venerable Abhidaja Maha Ratthaguru Bhadanta Suriyabhivamsa (Masoeyein Sayadaw), Chattha Sangiti Sangha Mahanayaka (Chairman) will deliver a speech.
7. Bhadanta Visuddhabhivamsa Mahathera (Vijjalankara Sayadaw), Joint-Secretary of the Chattha Sangiti Bharanittharaka Sabha (The Supreme Sangha Council) will report on the activities of the Council.
8. The Ven'ble Aggamahapandita Bhadanta Sobhana (Pucchaka) and Ven'ble Tipitakadhara Dhammabhandagarika Vicittasarabhivamsa (Visajjaka) will ask and answer questions pertaining to the Abhidhamma Pitaka in Pali and Burmese.
9. The Sangiti-karaka Bhikkhus will chant extracts from the Abhidhamma Pitaka.
10. Five groups each of five hundred Sangiti-karaka Bhikkhus will announce their approval of the Pitaka Texts as chanted in the five Sannipata (Sessions) in which they respectively took part, in compliance with the proposals made to them.

(The Bhikkhus present will utter *Sadhu* thrice.)

Bhadanta Nagavamsa Mahathera will announce the termination of the Third Day Chattha Sangayana Concluding Ceremonies both in Pali and Burmese.

(Signal by sound of drum, gong and conch)

PROGRAMME FOR HONOURING CEREMONIES

THE PROCEEDINGS TO OPEN AT 1-00 P.M. ON 24TH MAY 1956

(Signal by sound of gong, drum and conch)

1. His Holiness the Most Venerable Abhidhaja Maha Ratthaguru Bhadanta Suriyabhivamsa (Masoeyein Sayadaw), Chattha Sangiti Bharanittharaka Sabhapati (Chairman of the Supreme Sangha Council), will administer the *Panca Sila* (Five Precepts).
2. *Thado Thiri Thudhamma* Sir U Thwin, President of the Union of Burma Buddha Sasana Council, will deliver an address of veneration.
3. The Hon'ble U Ba Saw, Minister for Religious Affairs, will deliver an address of veneration.
4. *Wunna Kyawhtin* Pinlon Daw Nu Yin, Honorary Secretary of the Chattha Sangayana Women's Catering Association, will report on the activities of the Association and the Gifts-Offering Sub-Committee of the Celebrations for the successful conclusion of the Chattha Sangayana and the 2,500 Anniversary of the Buddha-Sasana.
5. Daw Nwe Nwe Yi (wife of the Hon'ble U Kyaw Nyein, Minister for Industries), Vice-President of the Chattha Sangayana Women's Catering Association, and Chairman of the Gifts-Offering Sub-Committee of the Celebrations for the successful conclusion of the Chattha Sangayana and the 2500th Anniversary of the Buddha-Sasana, will pour the Water of Libation on behalf of the donors.
6. Vipassana Daw Saw Shin, Chairman of the Organization Sub-Committee, Chattha Sangayana Women's Catering Association, will, on behalf of the donors, proclaim the sharing of Merits with all beings.
7. Pitaka Texts and other gifts will be offered.
8. *Wunna Kyawhtin* Pinlon Daw Nu Yin Honorary Secretary of the Chattha Sangayana Women's Catering Association, will announce the termination of the Honouring Ceremonies.

(Signal by striking gongs and beating drums)

FOURTH DAY

Ceremony for Offering Allowable Things to Bhikkhus

THE PROCEEDINGS TO OPEN AT 1-00 P.M. ON 25TH MAY 1956

(Signal by sound of gong, drum and conch)

The following dignitaries will offer allowable things to the Venerable Bhikkhus who have been invited.

1. His Excellency the President of the Union of Burma;

2. The Hon'ble Prime Minister of the Union of Burma ;

3. President of the Union of Burma Buddha Sasana Council ;

4. Speaker of the Chamber of Nationalities ;

5. Speaker of the Chamber of Deputies ;

6. President of the Executive Committee of the Celebrations for the successful conclusion of the Chattha Sangayana and the 2500th Anniversary of the Buddha-Sasana;

7. Three Vice-Presidents of the above Committee ;

8. Chairman of the Gifts-Offering Sub-Committee ;

9. Office-Bearers of the Gifts-Offering Sub-Committee ;

10. Chairman of the other Sub-Committees of the Committee for Celebrations of the successful conclusion of the Chattha Sangayana and the 2500th Anniversary of the Buddha-Sasana ;

11. Chairman of the small committees of the Gifts-Offering Sub-Committee ;

12. Chairman of the minor committees of Gifts-Offering Sub-Committee ;

13. Members of the Gifts-Offerings Sub-Committee ;

FIFTH DAY

Ceremony for Offering Allowable Things to Bhikkhus.

The ceremony for offering allowable things to the Venerable Bhikkhus who have been invited, will continue from 1-00 p.m. on 26th May 1956.

A Great Undertaking—Greatly Executed

A general outline of the most momentous undertaking in the history of modern-day Buddhism—The Sixth Great Buddhist Council (Chattha Sangayana)

The Sixth Great Buddhist Synod is now nearing the end of its two years' meritorious labours in the Sacred Cave on the Siri Mingala Plateau, *i.e.*, "the Most glorious and Most auspicious land;" where the World Peace Pagoda has also been built. The Synod commenced on the full moon day of the month of Kason (17th May 1954) and its termination is now nigh on the full moon day of Kason (24th May 1956). Why? The month of Kason is the first complete month of the Burmese year, and over 2,500 years ago the three most important Buddhist events took place on the full moon day of Kason. Buddha was born on the full moon day of Kason, and he attained both Enlightenment and Nirvana on the same day. To commemorate all those great events and the 2500th anniversary of Buddha's Sasana this very auspicious time of the full moon day of Kason, 1316 B.E. (17th May 1954) was chosen. The main purpose of this Sixth Synod is, like those of the previous five councils, to re-edit the Buddha's teaching with a view to preserving the same in its pristine purity and to make the teachings of Buddha easily accessible to the general public by means of translations.

Below is a general outline of the noble work of the Sixth Synod for the information of guests from abroad who will be attending the Joint Celebrations in Burma consequent on the successful conclusion of the Sixth Synod and the 2500th Anniversary of the Buddha Sasana.

As mentioned earlier, the Sixth Great Buddhist Council or Sixth Synod commenced on the full moon day of Kason, 1316 B.E. (17th May 1954) and will terminate on the full moon day of Kason, 1318 B.E. (24th May 1956).

The Sixth Synod is being held under the patronage of His Excellency the President of the Union of Burma, the Hon'ble Prime Minister U Nu, the Buddha Sasana Council, and all Buddhists of the five Theravada Buddhist countries.

The opening ceremony was performed with great pomp and splendour for three days in succession. The ceremony was attended by thousands and thousands of Buddhists from all over the country. Foreign visitors and diplomatic personnel also took this golden opportunity of attending the greatest Buddhist religious ceremony ever held to-day.

The ceremony was formally opened by H.E. the President Dr. Ba U. Speeches of Veneration were delivered among others by His Excellency Dr. Ba U, the Hon'ble Prime Minister U Nu and the Hon'ble Religious Affairs Minister U Win. All other Cabinet Ministers and high officials were also present. High dignitaries from India, Thailand, Ceylon, Cambodia, Nepal, Malaya, Vietnam, Assam, Indonesia, Laos, Pakistan, Germany and Cocos Islands, both lay and ecclesiastic, also attended the opening ceremony.

Among the distinguished guests from abroad were Madame Vijaya Lakshmi, President of the United Nations General Assembly ; Mr. Malcolm Macdonald, British Commissioner-General for South East Asia ; Lieutenant-General Kharb Kunjara, Cabinet Minister and Director-General of Public Relations Department of the Thai Government ; Sir Dudley Sananayake, ex-Prime Minister of Ceylon ; and Miss Wimala Devi of Nepal.

Messages of Goodwill were received from His Holiness the Sangharaja of Thailand ; His Holiness the Sangharaja of Laos ; H.E. the

Great Sacred Cave And Other Edifices Of The Sixth Buddhist Council

The Great Sacred Cave of the Sixth Buddhist Council, known as the Maha Pasana Guha, was modelled on the Sattapanni Cave at Rajagaha (present day Rajgir, Bihar Province, India), in which was held the First Great Buddhist Council shortly after the demise of the Buddha 2,500 years ago.

Constructed under the supervision of engineering experts and with the advice of an acoustics engineer, the Cave has a seating capacity of about 10,000. The Cave is composed of a cupola supported by six huge reinforced concrete pillars. There are also six entrances to the Guha to mark the Sixth Council.

Built at a cost of about K 91 lakhs, the Assembly Hall has the following dimensions: outer dimensions, 455 feet long and 370 feet in breadth; inner dimensions, 220 feet in length by 140 feet in breadth.

For construction of the Cave the following building materials were used: 450,145 cubic feet of broken bricks, 674,974 cubic feet of granite stones, 559,572 cubic feet of stone slabs, 511,075 cubic feet of sand, 11,973 tons of cement, 380 tons of steel, 757 tons of timber and 125 tons of teak.

The period of construction extended over an extremely short period of only 14 months. Construction commenced on March 1, 1953 and was completed on May 10, 1954.

Other buildings erected for the Sixth Buddhist Synod on Siri Mingala Plateau include :—

Four hostels to accommodate 1,000 Bikkhus. Cost K 33,00,000 approximately.

One refectory with a capacity for feeding 1,500 Bikkhus at a time, together with a fully equipped kitchen. Cost K 12,00,000 approximately.

An International Buddhist Library to house Tipitaka Texts and books on Buddhism. Cost of building about K 2½ million.

A sanatorium and dispensary with 40 beds. Cost K 5,00,000.

A press building where huge printing works are housed for printing Tipitaka Texts in Pali and Burmese. Cost K 3,00,000.

President of India; the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India; His Majesty the King of Nepal; His Majesty the King of Thailand; the Hon'ble Prime Minister of Ceylon; the Hon'ble Prime Minister of Japan; the Hon'ble Prime Minister of Ryukyu Islands, and Her Majesty the Queen of England.

The actual proceedings of the Sixth Buddhist Council are being operated on exactly the same lines as were adopted at the First Buddhist Council, which was held in the first year of Sasana Sakrit, *i.e.* (483 B.C.) about 2,500 years ago under the patronage of King Ajatasathu at Rajagaha with Maha Kassapa as the presiding Thera.

At the First Council "The Theras decided to take the Vinaya first, on the ground that the Vinaya is as old as Buddha's teaching and *while the Vinaya stands the teaching stands.* Kassapa, who presided, questioned Upali, the first of those who know the Vinaya by heart, about each rule, asking--

(1) the subject of it,
(2) the occasion of its being given,
(3) the person concerned,
(4) the rule itself,
(5) further rules resulting from it,
(6) when it constitutes an offence,
(7) when it does not.

In the same way he questioned Ananda about the Dhamma, beginning with the first Sutta in the Digha Nikaya, and asking—

(1) where it was given,
(2) about whom or to whom it was spoken. In this way he asked the five Nikaya, and question by question the elder, Ananda, replied".

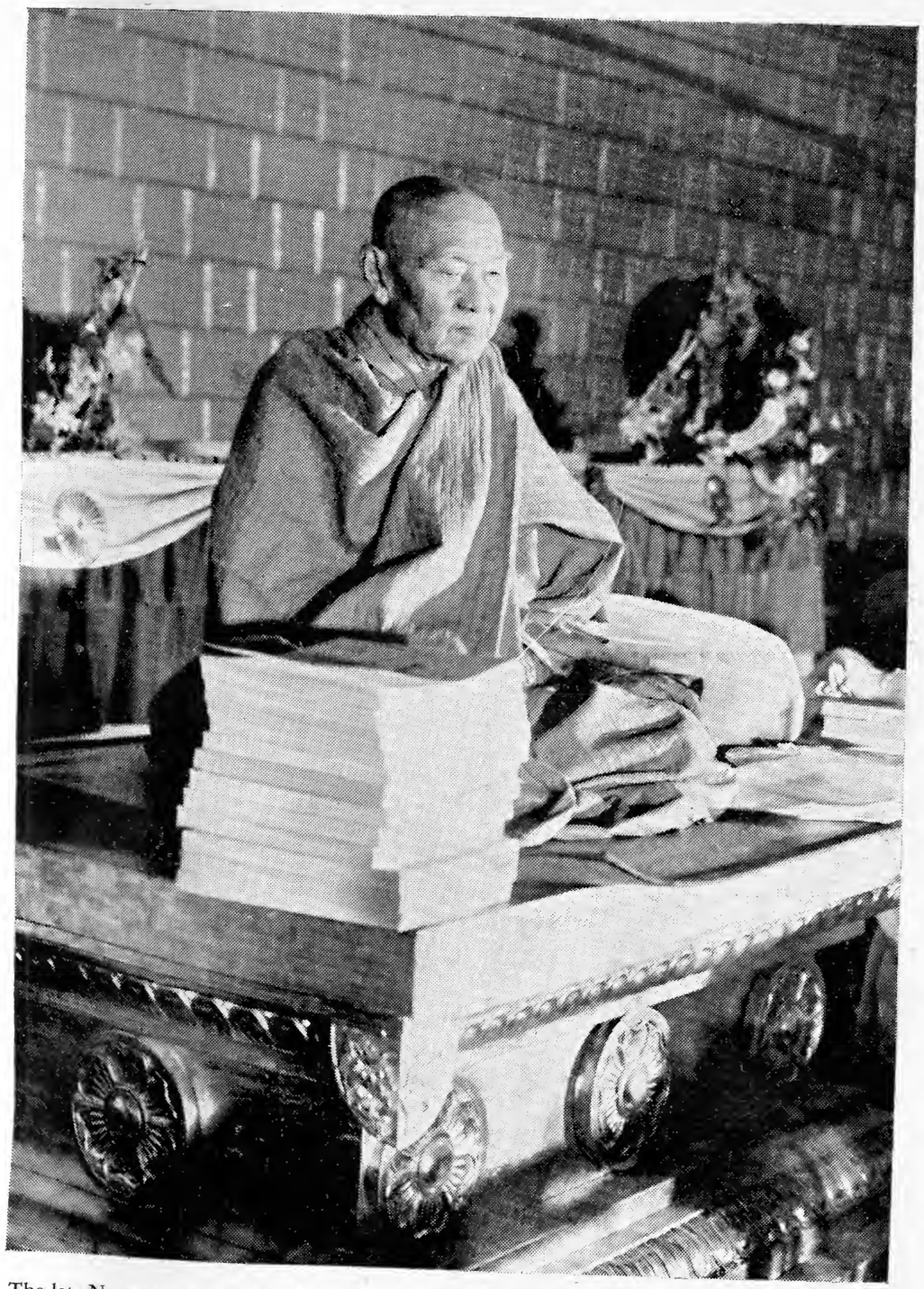
Now, at this Sixth Buddhist Council being held in Rangoon, the Pucchaka (Questioner) is the Ven'ble Aggamahapandita Bhadanta Subhana (Mahasi Sayadaw) and the Visajjaka (Replier) is Ven'ble Tipitakadhara Dhammabhandagarika Bhadanta Vicittasarabhivamsa throughout the entire proceedings.

The opening ceremony lasted for three days and the actual operation of the Sixth Synod commenced only on the 4th Waning of Kason, 1316 B.E. (21st May 1954).

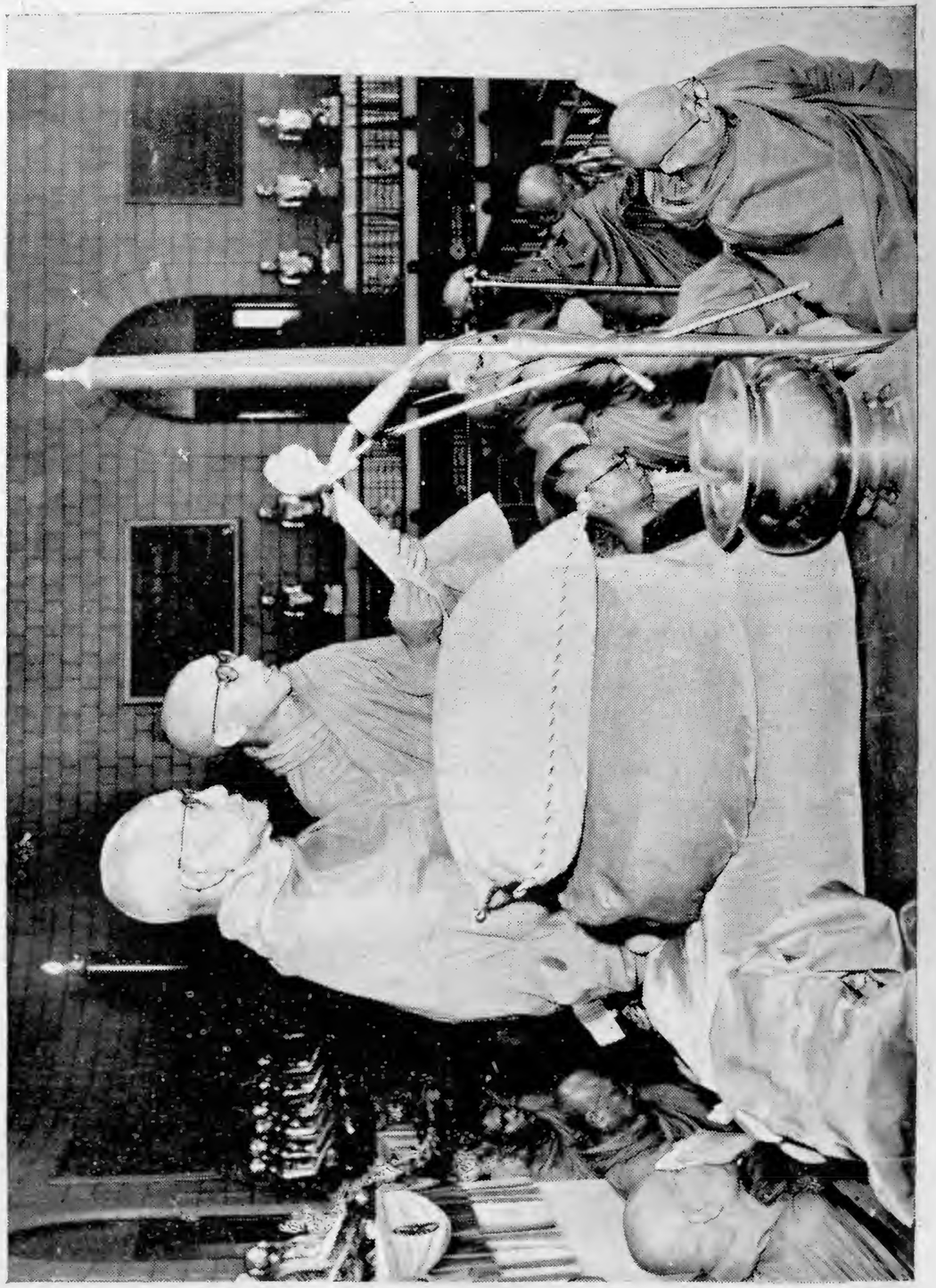
First Session

The first session lasted for 46 days from 4th Waning of Kason, 1316 B.E. (21st May 1954) to 7th Waxing of Waso, 1316 B.E. (7th July 1954).

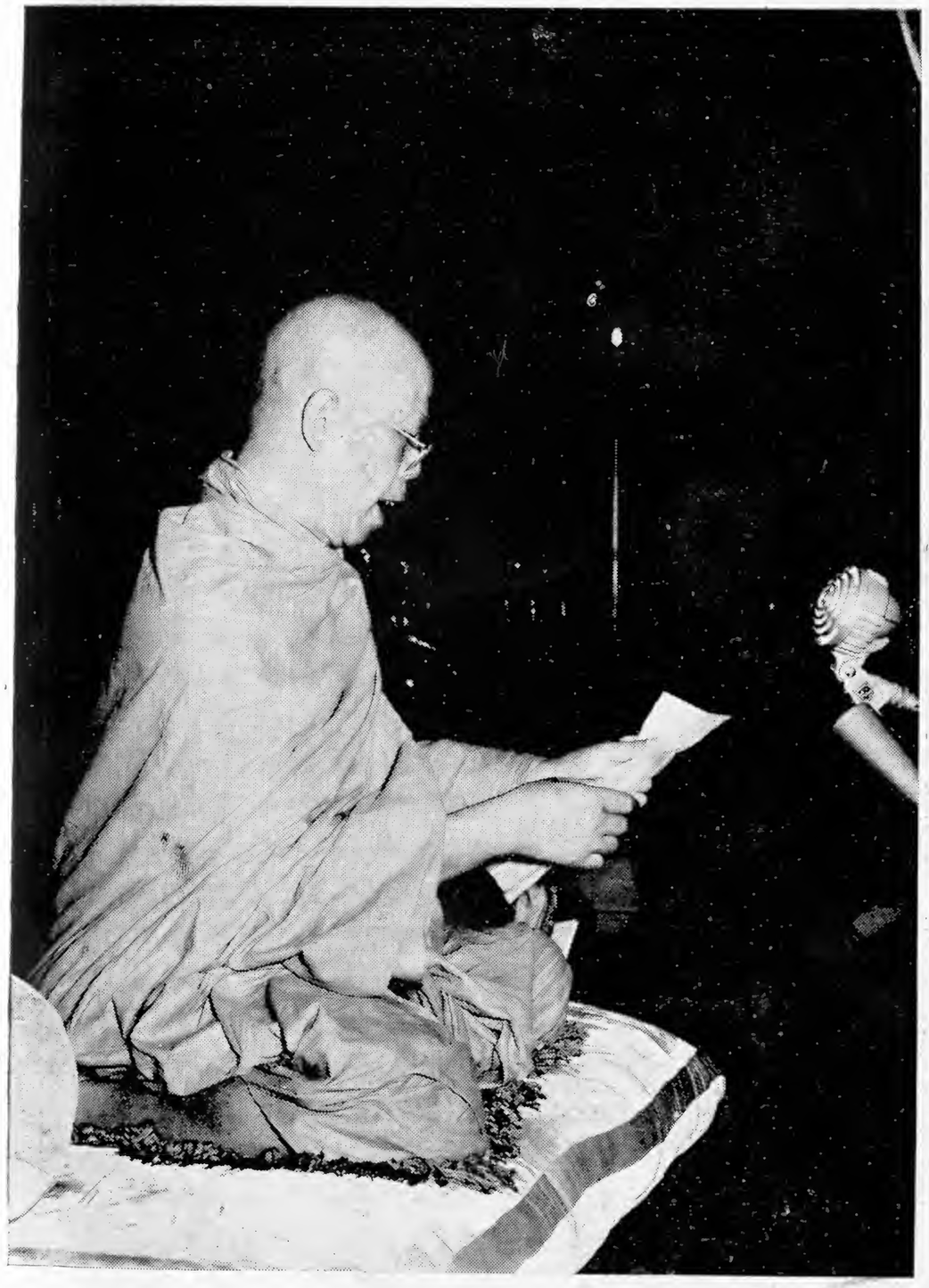
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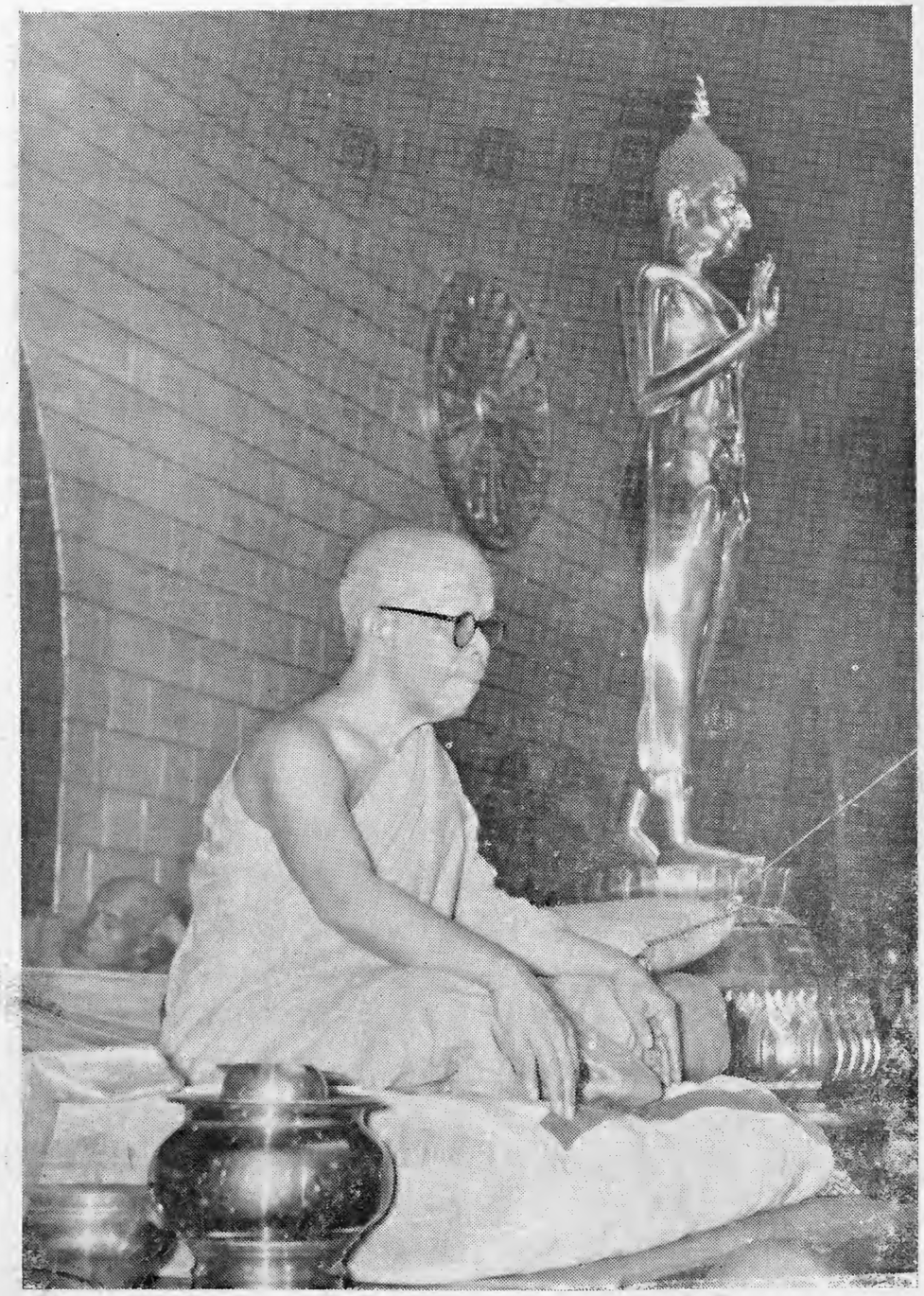
The late Nyaungyan Sayadaw, First Sangha-Nayaka (President) of the Great Recital. The untimely demise of this widely-revered Sayadaw after the conclusion of the first part of the Second Session caused nation-wide sorrow in Burma



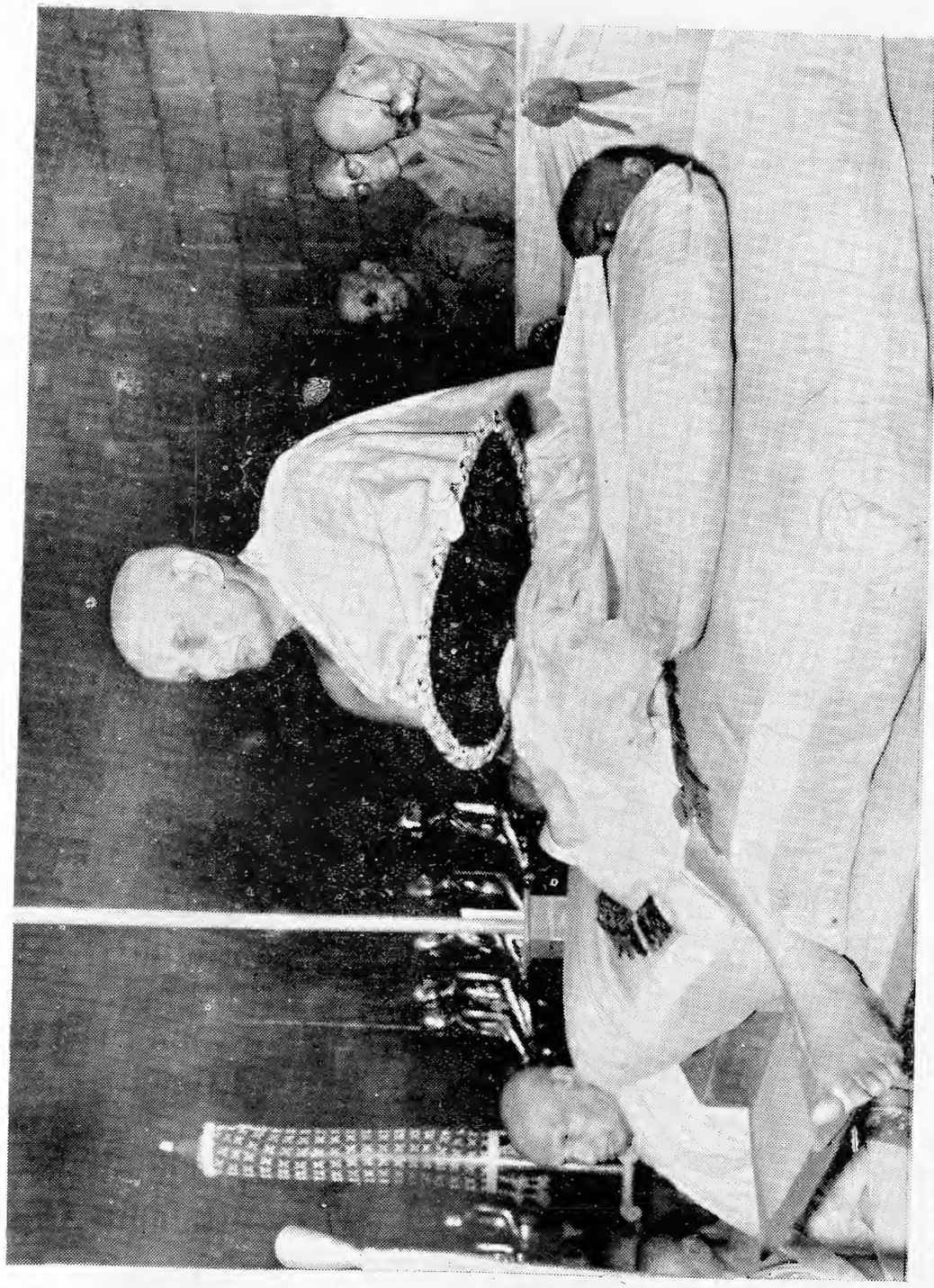
The Sangharaja (His Holiness the Supreme Patriarch) of Cambodia who presided over the first part of the Third (Cambodia) Session



The Sangharaja (His Holiness the Supreme Patriarch) of Laos who presided over the second part of the Third (Laos) Session



His Holiness the Sanghanayaka of Thailand who acted as the Chattha Sangiti Mahanayaka (Chairman) of the Fourth (Thai) Session



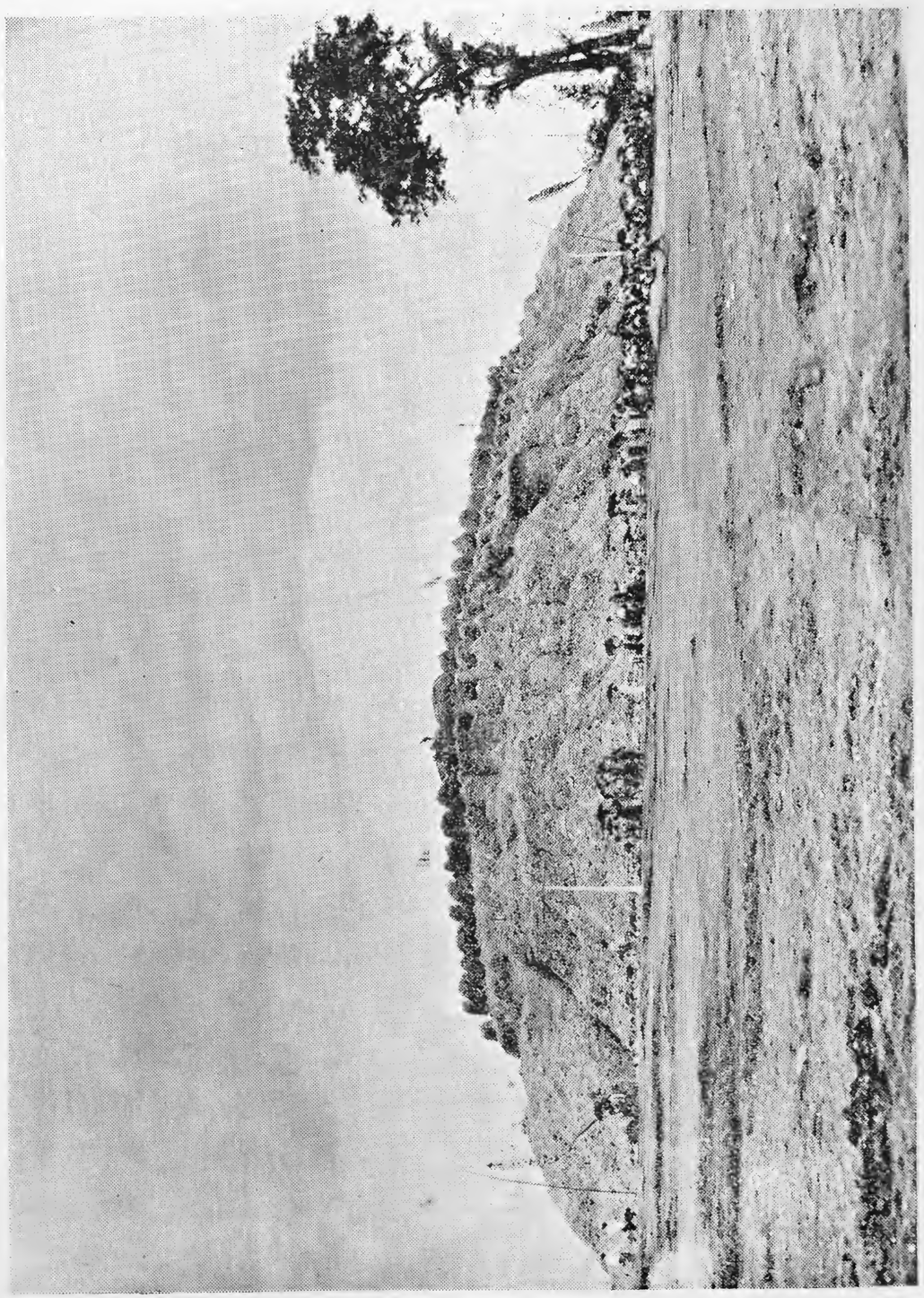
The Most Venerable Weliwita Dharmakirti Asarana Sarana Sri Saranankara Mahanayaka Thero of Malwatte Chapter of the Siyan Mahanayaka of Ceylon, President of the Fifth ("Sri Lanka") and Final Session of the Great Recital



The Venerable Mahasi Sayadaw who filled the role of Pucchaka (Questioner) turing the Great Recital. The learned Sayadaw is a leading Executive Member of the Supreme Sangha Council



The Ven'ble Tipitakadara Dhamma bhandagarika Bhaddanta Vicittasara who was the Vissajjaka (Replier)



The Great Sacred Cave of the Chattha Sangayana, central venue for the celebrations

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The session was presided over by the late Nyaung-yan Sayadaw whilst Bagaya Sayadaw Ashin Nagavamsa Mahathera acted as Secretary.

Scriptures confirmed and decided upon

The First Session completed the recitation of the five Vinaya Pitakas comprising five books of 2,260 pages. The recitations were made 169 times to cover the Vinaya Pitakas.

Second Session

The Second Session lasted for 65 days, from 5th Waning of Tazaungmon, 1316 B.E. (15th November 1954) to 6th Waxing of Tabodwe, 1316 B.E. (29th January 1955). Over 500 Sangiti-Karaka Bhikkhus from the Union of Burma and other Buddhist countries participated in the proceedings.

Among the most honoured guests was His Majesty the King of Cambodia.

After the first part of the second session, the Presiding Thera, Nyaung-yan Sayadaw, expired, to the heartfelt sorrow of all Buddhists, and his place was taken over by His Holiness the Venerable Abhidhaja Maharatthaguru Bhadanta Suriya Masoeyein Sayadaw till the end of the Second Session.

Scriptures confirmed and decided upon

The Second Session completed the recitation of 3 volumes of Digha-Nikaya, *i.e.*, " the division of long discourses arranged in three waggas,"; 3 volumes of Mijjima-Nikaya, *i.e.*, " the division of discourses of medium length. It is arranged in fifteen waggas, and roughly classified according to subjects. Some of these are named from the first Sutta. The fourth and fifth are two ' series of pairs '. Then follow discourses to householders, monks, wandering ascetics, kings, etc. ".

Five volumes of Samyutta-Nikaya, *i.e.*, " the division of connected Suttas ". These are in five series, subdivided into smaller groups (Samyuttas), and these into series (vaggas) containing the separate Suttas. Classification according to subject is very partial, and the titles are usually that of the first in the group, or the name of the interlocutor.

Third Session (Cambodia-Laos Session)

(Kambuja-Lava Sannipata)

The Third Session lasted 30 days from the 7th Waxing of Kason, 1317 B.E. (28th April 1955) to the 7th Waxing of Nayon, 1317 B.E. (28th May 1955).

The first part of the Third Session was presided over by the Sangharaja (His Holiness the Supreme Patriarch) of Cambodia.

The second part of the Third Session was presided over by the Sangharaja (His Holiness the Supreme Patriarch) of Laos.

The Third Session was attended by H.R.H. Prince Savang Vatthena, Crown Prince of Laos, his consort and daughter; Mr. Kon Abhay, President of the Laotian Council; and Mr. Lang Ngeth, Prime Minister of Cambodia.

Ven'ble Shirob Jaitso, leader of the Buddhist Mission from the People's Republic of China, also attended this session.

Scriptures confirmed and decided upon

The Third Session completed the recitation of Anguttara-Nikaya comprising 9,557 Suttas. The Theras recited 210 times to complete the Anguttara-Nikaya. During the first Buddhist Council Anguttara-Nikaya was completed by means of 120 recitations only.

" In Anguttara-Nikaya the classification is purely numerical. There are eleven groups (nipatas), the subjects of the first being single things, followed by groups of two and so on, up to groups of eleven (anga-uttara ' one number in addition '). The first gives a list of the one sight, the one sound, the one scent, etc., that occupy the thought of a man or woman. The last is a list of the eleven good and eleven bad qualities of a herdsman, and the corresponding qualities of a monk. Each nipata is divided into vaggas, which contain ten or more Suttas."

Fourth Session (Thai Session)

(Siyama Sannipata)

The Fourth Session lasted 63 days, from the 2nd Waxing of Nattaw, 1317 B.E. (16th December 1955) to the 5th Waxing of Tabodwe, 1317 B.E. (16th February 1956).

The Fourth Session was formally inaugurated by H.E. Field Marshal Pibul-Songgram, Prime Minister of Thailand, and His Holiness Somdei Phra Vanarat Kittisobhana, the Sanghanayaka of Thailand, acted as the Chattha Sangiti Mahanayaka (Chairman).

The Maha Pasana Guha (the Great Sacred Cave) was most magnificently and artistically decorated by Thai paintings.

The session was attended by the wife of the Hon'ble Prime Minister of Thailand and members of the Thailand Good-will Mission to Burma.

Just before the opening of the session the Hon'ble Premier of Thailand presented a bronze image of Lord Buddha brought from Bangkôk to the Hon'ble Prime Minister U Nu as a gift by the people of Thailand to be worshipped by the Buddhists of Burma.

Scriptures confirmed and decided upon

The Fourth Session completed the recitation of Patthan section of Abhidhamma Pitaka, and 15 volumes of Khuddhaka-Nikaya.

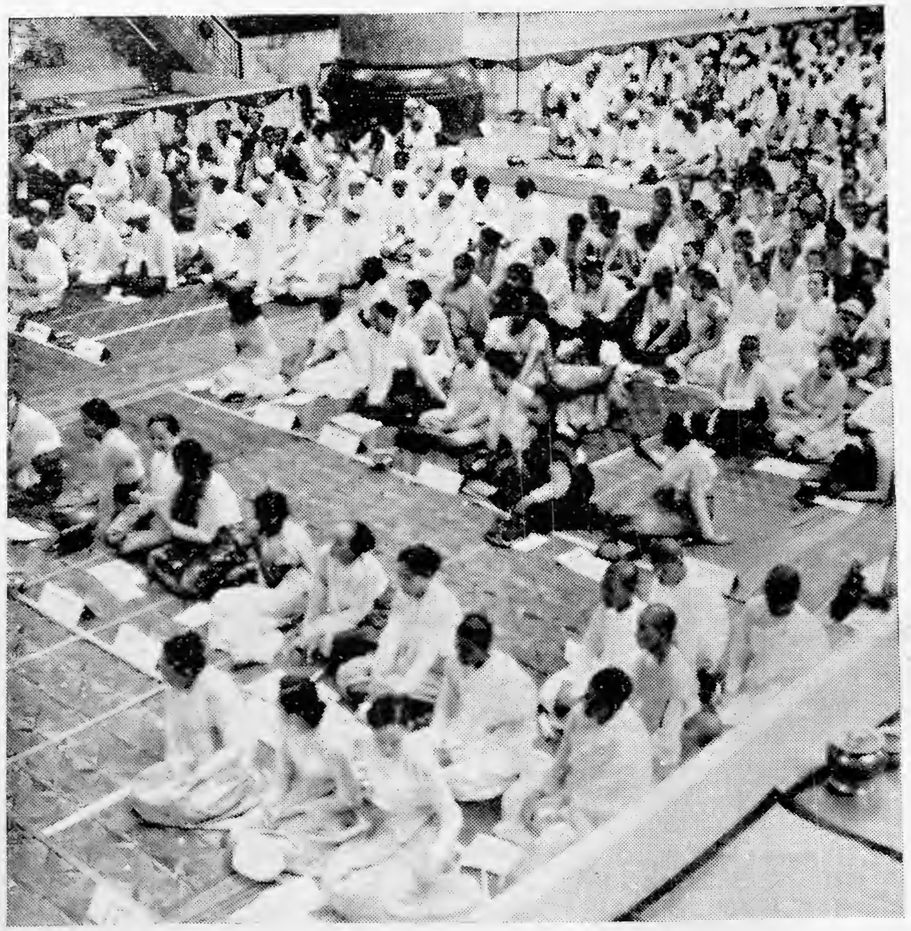
Fifth and Final Session (Ceylon Session)

(*Sri Lanka Sannipata*)

The Fifth Session commenced on the 13th Waxing of Tagu, 1318 B.E. (23rd April 1956) and will continue till the full moon day of Kason, 1318 B.E. (24th May 1956) lasting 31 days.

This session was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Jayaweera Kuruppu, Minister for Religious and Cultural Affairs, Ceylon, and is being presided by His Holiness the Most Venerable Weli-wita Dharmakirti Asarana Sarana Sri Saranankara Mahanayaka Thero of Malwatte Chapter of the Siyan Mahanayaka of Ceylon.

Scriptures to be confirmed and decided upon are the remaining six portions of Abhidhamma Pitaka.



Just a section of the vast interior of the Great Sacred Cave of Chattha Sangayana



The Kaba-E (World Peace Pagoda) on the Siri Mingala Plateau

BUDDHISTS DEVOUT AND TRUE



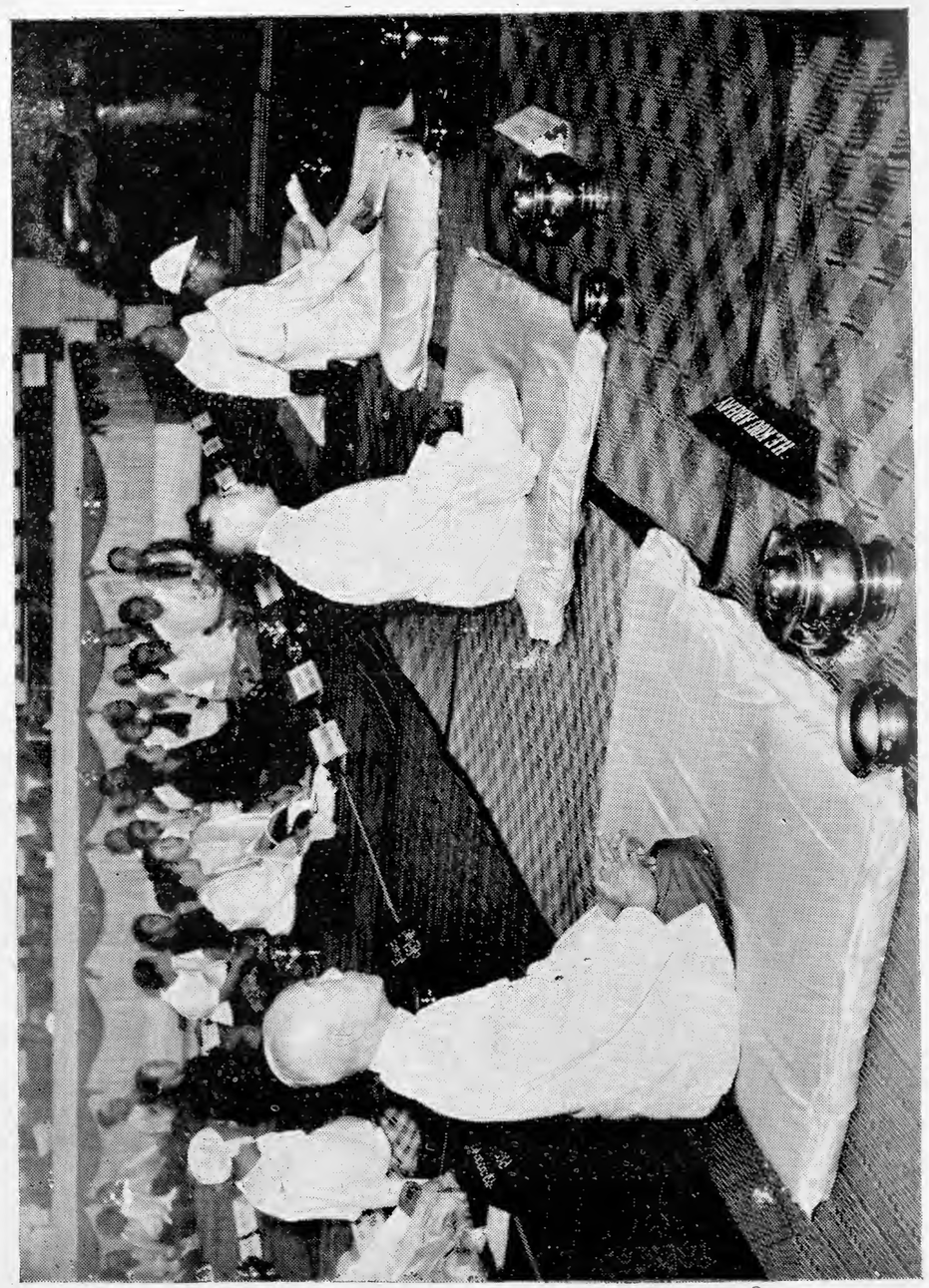
H.E. Field-Marshal Pibulsonggram, a true and devout Buddhist, seated in the Great Sacred Cave at the opening of the " Thai Session " which he inaugurated



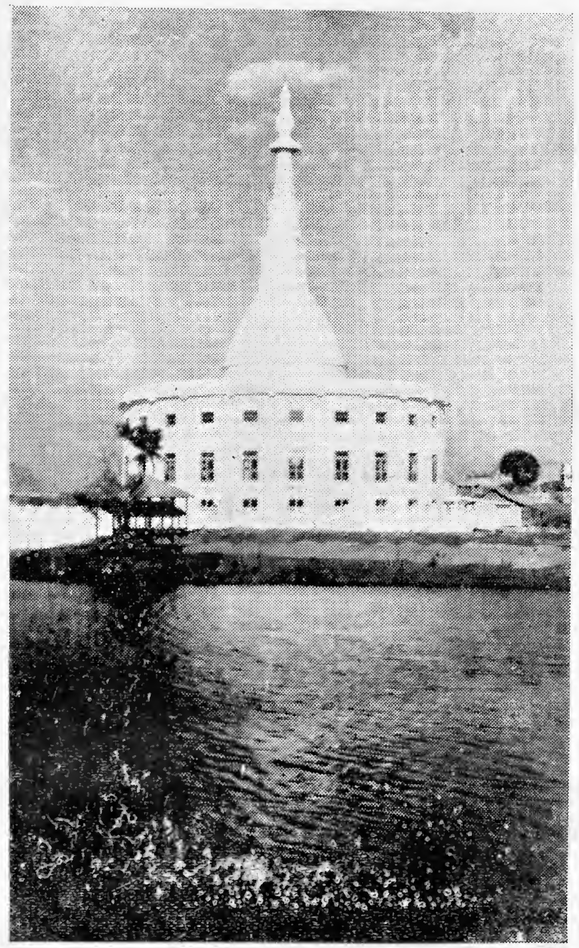
H.M. King Norodom Sihanouk of Cambodia (left) seen in the Great Sacred Cave with H.E. the President of the Union of Burma (right) at the Second Session of the Great Recital



The Hon'ble Jayaweera Kuruppu, Minister for Religious and Cultural Affairs, Ceylon, at inaugural meeting of " Ceylon Session " (Sri Lanka Sanipatta), the Fifth and Last Session of the Sixth Synod



H.S.H. The Crown Prince of Laos in the Great Sacred Cave with H.E. the President Dr. Ba U at the opening ceremony of the "Laos Session" of the Chattha Sangayana



"Thein" (Ordination Hall) of the Sixth Buddhist Synod



Two of the many imposing buildings constructed on the Siri Mingala Plateau for the Sixth Great Buddhist Synod



Dedicated Workers for the Dhamma

On February 4, 1956, there was convened at the Assembly Hall in the grounds of the Hon'ble Premier U Nu's residence, a meeting to discuss ways and means to make as successful as possible, the joint celebrations on May 24, 1956, marking the glorious conclusion of the Sixth Great Buddhist Council (Chattha Sangayana) and the 2500th Anniversary of the Buddha Sasana.

At the well-attended meeting were Prime Minister U Nu; the Religious Affairs Minister U Ba Saw; the Chief Justice of the Union U Thein Maung, who is Vice-President of the Buddha Sasana Council; Supreme Court Justice U Chan Tun, who is Honorary Secretary-General of the Buddha Sasana Council; numerous representatives from the Buddha Sasana Council and other affiliated Buddhist Associations, and high-ranking officials of the Union Government.

After this preliminary meeting, in the course of which numerous tentative suggestions were offered by many of those present, another meeting was held in the Assembly Hall a fortnight later.

At this second meeting, it was decided to form a Central Committee and several Sub-Committees, to plan, arrange and manage the celebrations throughout the length and breadth of Burma on an unprecedented scale as befitting the two most momentous events in the history of modern-day Buddhism.

Following are the names of the devout sons and daughters of the True Faith who have worked with dedicated zeal, sparing no effort, in the Central Committee and the various Sub-Committees to make the celebrations an unqualified success :—

CHATTHA SANGAYANA AND 2500TH BUDDHA JAYANTI CELEBRATIONS CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Patrons (Nayaka) :

1. H.E. Dr. Ba U, President of the Union of Burma.
2. The Hon'ble Prime Minister U Nu.
3. Sir U Thwin, President of the Buddha Sasana Council.
4. Sao Shwe Thaike, Speaker of the Chamber of Nationalities.
5. Bo Hmu Aung, Speaker of the Chamber of Deputies.

Members :

1. U Thein Maung, Chief Justice of the Union and Vice-President of the Buddha Sasana Council--Chairman.
2. Daw Mya Yee (Mrs. Nu)--Vice-Chairman.
3. U Ba Saw, Minister for Religious Affairs--Vice-Chairman.
4. U Chan Tun, Justice of the Supreme Court and Honorary Secretary, Buddha Sasana Council--Vice-Chairman.
5. U Hla Gyaw, Chief Executive Officer, Rehabilitation Brigade--Honorary Secretary.
6. U Ba Swe, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Religious Affairs--Honorary Secretary.
7. U Than Sein, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Union Culture--Honorary Secretary.
8. U Ohn Pe (Chattha Sangayana Sub-Committee).
9. U San Thein (Chattha Sangayana Sub-Committee).
10. U San Nyunt (Chattha Sangayana Sub-Committee).
11. U Mya (Henzada) (Finance Sub-Committee).
12. U Kyee Kyine (Finance Sub-Committee).
13. Mr. Dina Nath (Finance Sub-Committee).
14. Daw Nwe Nwe Yi (Gift-Offerings Sub-Committee).

15. Daw Nu Yin (Gift–Offerings Sub-Committee).
16. Daw Khin Khin Thein (Gift–Offerings Sub-Committee).
17. U Khin Maung Pyu, Chief Secretary to the Union Government ("Sattu-Ditha" Sub-Committee).
18. U Hla ("Sattu-Ditha" Sub-Committee).
19. U Kyan Su ("Sattu-Ditha" Sub-Committee).
20. U Ba Tin (Chatthin) (Entertainments Sub-Committee).
21. U San Myint (Entertainments Sub-Committee).
22. Thakin Ba Yan (Entertainments Sub-Committee).
23. The Mayor of Rangoon (Reception and Watch and Ward Sub-Committee).
24. Lt.-Commander Tin Thein Lu, Burma Navy (Reception and Watch and Ward Sub-Committee.)
25. U Ba Thein Zan (Reception and Watch and Ward Sub-Committee).
26. Colonel Maung Maung Gyi (Health Sub-Committee.)
27. Dr. Shwe Thwin (Health Sub-Committee).
28. Bo Taik Soe (Health Sub-Committee).
29. U E Thant, Secretary, Ministry of Information (Publicity Sub-Committee).
30. U Kyaw Soe (Publicity Sub-Committee).
31. Myoma Saya Hein (Publicity Sub-Committee).
32. U Khin Maung Maung, Commissioner of Police (Transport Sub-Committee).
33. U Ba Bwa (Transport Sub-Committee).
34. U Aung Nyein (Transport Sub-Committee).
35. Sima Duwa Sinwa Nawng, Minister for National Solidarity.
36. U Shein Htang, Minister for Relief and Resettlement.
37. Sao Wunna, Minister for the Kayah State.
38. The Sawbwa of Samka.
39. Mahn Mya Sein, Minister for Religious Affairs, Karen State.
40. U Kyi Pe, Director of Religious Affairs.
41. One representative from Foreign Office.

Acting as Executive Officer to the above Central Committee--U Sein Maung, Chief Executive Officer of the Buddha Sasana Council.

"Sattu-Ditha" (Free Feasting for the People) Sub-Committee :

1. U Khin Maung Pyu, Chief Secretary to the Union Government--Chairman.
2. U Than Sein--Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Union Culture--Secretary.
3. U Lu Khant, Co-operative Department, Pegu Division.
4. U Nyun, Co-operative Department, Rangoon Division.
5. U Ba Sann, Deputy Inspector-General of Police, Southern Rangoon,
6. U Aung Thein, Asst. Commissioner of Police (Admin.)
7. U San U, Superintendent of Police, Motor-Vehicle Dept.
8. U Ba Gyan, High Court Buddhist Association.
9. U Kin Maung Lwin, Director, Fire Services.
10. U Kyaw We, Rangoon Police Buddhist Association.
11. U Chit Tun, Officer on Special Duty, Co-operative Ministry.
12. Myoma Saya Hein, Myoma Old Students Association.
13. U Yu Saing, Mergui Trading Co.
14. U Hla, Secretariat Buddhist Association.
15. U Tin Aye, Rangoon Municipal Buddhist Association.
16. Bohgyi Tin Maung Yin, Burma Navy Buddhist Association.
17. Petty Officer Aung Min, Burma Navy Buddhist Assn.
18. U On Mg, Traders and Brokers Association.
19. U Kyee Kyine.
20. Mr. Chan Sein Hwet, Chinese Chamber of Commerce.
21. Mr. Yeo Lo Chein, Chinese Chamber of Commerce.
22. Mr. Sudaram, Marwari Chamber of Commerce.
23. Mr. S. Roanka, Marwari Chamber of Commerce.
24. U Hla Khin, Railways Buddhist Association.
25. U Ba Thaw, Income-Tax Dept. Buddhist Association.

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Chief Justice of the Union, ***Agga Maha Thray Sithu*** U Thein Maung, Chairman of the Chattha Sangayana and 2500th Buddha Jayanti Celebrations Central Committee. The Chief Justice is Vice-President of the Union of Burma Buddha Sasana Council, the responsible body which organized the Sixth Great Buddhist Council



Daw Mya Yee (Mrs. Nu), Joint Vice-Chairman of the Chattha Sangayana and 2500th Buddha Jayanti Celebrations Central Committee.
A true daughter of the Faith, Daw Mya Yee has worked zealously throughout the duration of the Sixth Great Synod in many spheres of activities
As Chairman of the Withakha Women's Association, Daw Mya Yee is responsible for organizing the Mass Novitiation Ceremony of 2,500 boys to be held at the Siri Mingala Plateau on May 23, 1956, as part of the Celebrations



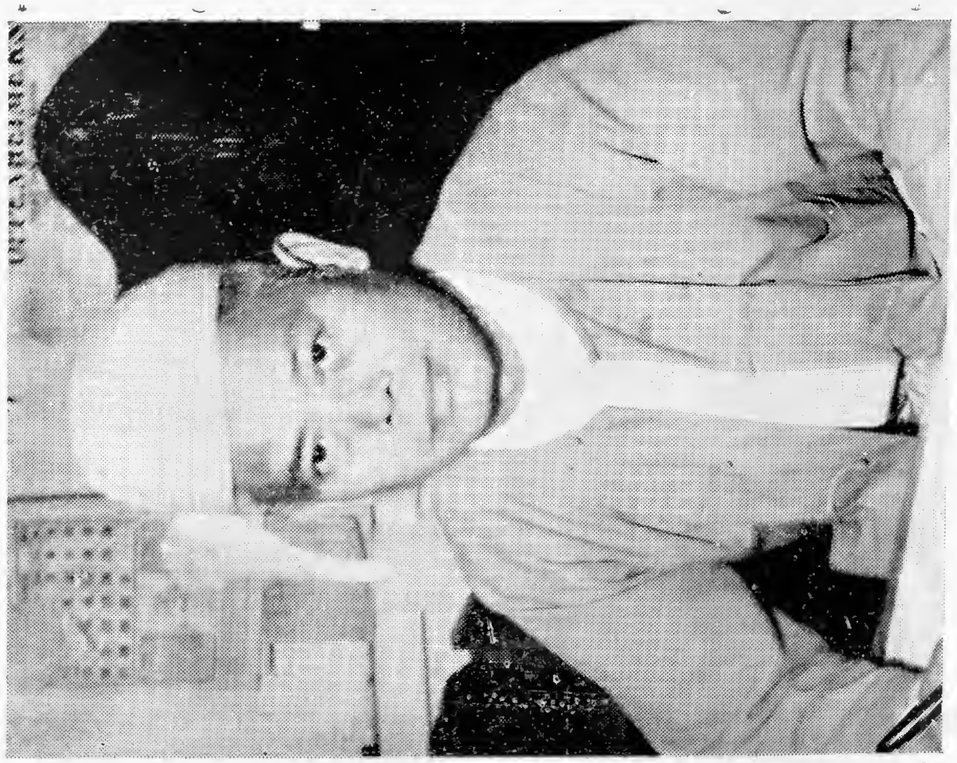
Daw Nwe Nwe Yi, wife of Industries Minister U Kyaw Nyein. An indefatigable worker, her efforts went a great way to make the Sixth Great Recital a success. Daw Nwe Nwe Yi is Vice-President of the Chattha Sangayana Buddhist Women's Catering Association and Chairman of the "Hlu-Dan-Yay (Gift-Offerings) Committee, one of the main arms of the Celebrations Central Committee



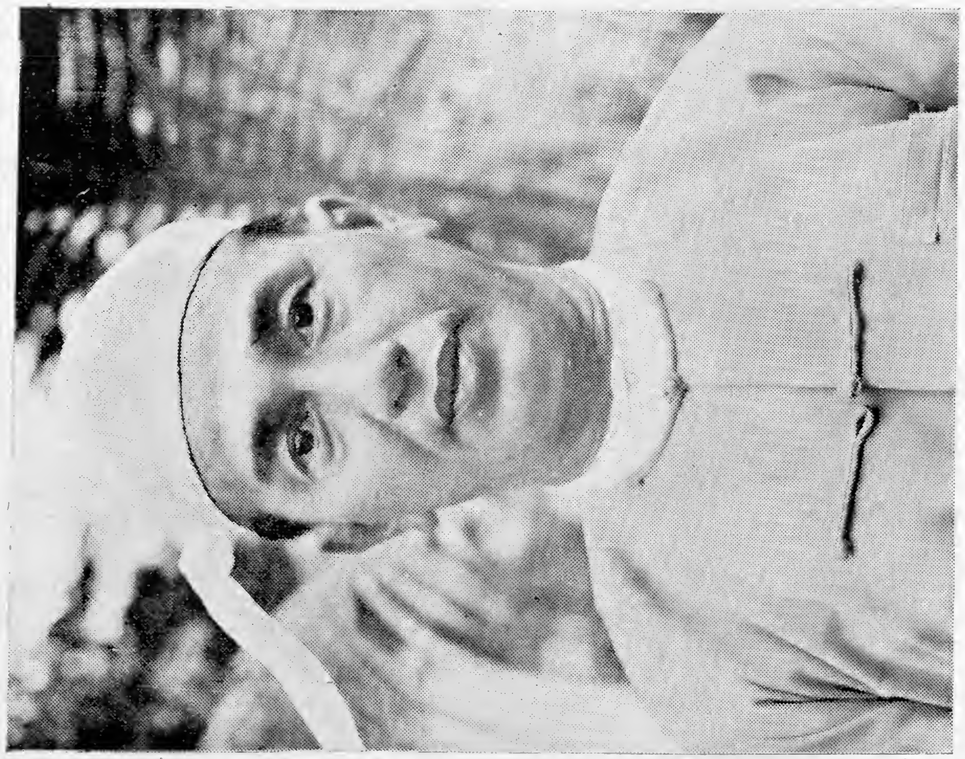
The Hon'ble U Ba Saw, Minister for Religious Affairs and Joint Vice-Chairman of the Chattha Sangayana and 2500th Buddha Jayanti Celebrations Central Committee



Justice of the Supreme Court ***Thado Maha Thray Sithu*** U Chan Tun, Joint Vice-Chairman of the Chattha Sangayana and 2500th Buddha Jayanti Celebrations Central Committee



Thray Sithu U Hla Gyaw, Chief Executive Officer, Rehabilitation Board and Honorary Secretary of the Chattha Sangayana and 2500th Buddha Jayanti Celebrations Central Committee



Thiri Pyanchi U Than Sein, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Union Culture and Honorary Secretary of the Chattha Sangayana and 2500th Buddha Jayanti Celebrations Central Committee

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26. U Aye Maung, Agriculture and Rural Development Corporation.
27. U Pu Sit, Superintendent, Chief Secretary's Office.

Acting as Executive Officer to the above Sub-Committee – Mingala U Aung Myint, P.A. to the President of the Buddha Sasana Council.

Entertainments Sub-Committee :

1. U Ba Tin (Chatthin)--Chairman.
2. U Sein Myint, Secretary, Ministry of Culture.
3. U Ko Ko Gyi, Director, Stage and Films Department.
4. U Tha Myat, Director, Cultural Institute.
5. U Tin Nwe, A.1 Film Co.
6. Thakin Ba Yan.
7. Dagon Saya Tin.
8. U Than Sein, Parliamentary Secretary—Secretary of Sub-Committee.

Acting as Executive Officer of the above Sub-Committee--U Thein Han, B.A., Executive Officer (3), Buddha Sasana Council.

Publicity Sub-Committee :

1. U E Thant, Secretary, Ministry of Information--Chairman.
2. U Than Sein, Parliamentary Secretary—Secretary of Sub-Committee.
3. U Yaw, Director of Information.
4. Myoma Saya Hein.
5. U Kyaw Soe--Secretary.
6. U Pe Thaw, Burma Broadcasting Service.
7. U Myint Soe, Stage and Films Department.
8. U On Ghine, Editor of the " Light of Dhamma ".
9. U Kyaw Nyein, B.B.S.
10. U Tin Aung.
11. U Htain, Information Dept.

Acting as Executive Officer of the above Sub-Committee--U Tha Tin (Magga) Editor of the " Light of Sasana ".

Finance Sub-Committee :

1. Minister for Religious Affairs--Chairman.
2. Daw Nwe Nwe Yi (Ms. Kyaw Nyein).
3. U On Pe.
4. U Mya (Henzada).
5. U Ba Tin (Chatthin).
6. U Chit Khine, Rangoon Turf Club.
7. U Ei Khwet.
8. U Si Tu Pin.
9. U K. Ba Gyi.
10. U Kyee Kyine.
11. U Tun Shein.
12. U Yu Saing.
13. U Tun Tin.
14. U Tun Lwin (Padamya).
15. U Tha Win.
16. U Ba Tun.
17. Mr. Dina Nath.
18. Mr. Goanka.
19. Mr. Sobaram.
20. Mr. Mayashankar.
21. U Tin Htoon (Thudhammawaddy).
22. U Choe, Ludu Cigarette Co.
23. U Whet La.
24. U Mya Yin, Burmese Chamber of Commerce.
25. U Kyi Pe, Director of Religious Affairs.
26. U Bo Maung, Secretary, Religious Affairs.
27. Mayor of Rangoon.
28. Two members from Burma Industries Association.
29. U Pwint Gaung (Lanmadaw).
30. U Maung Maung Khin (11th Street, Rangoon).

Acting as Executive Officer of the above Sub-Committee--U Chit Tin, Chief Accountant of the Buddha Sasana Council.

Transport Sub-Committee :

1. U Khin Maung Maung, Commissioner of Police, Rangoon—Chairman.
2. U Maung Maung, Chief Traffic Officer, Burma Railways.
3. U Pe Tin, Union of Burma Airways.
4. U Ba Swe Lay, Ministry of Religious Affairs.
5. U Sein, Information Dept.

6. U Soe Maung, I.W.T. Board.
7. U Tin Nyunt, Deputy Commissioner of Police, Rangoon.
8. U San U, Supdt. of Police, M.V.D.
9. Mr. J. A. Devellerez, H.Q.A. Police, (representing D.S.P., Insein).
10. U Kyaw Sein, Buddha Sasana Council.
11. U Khin Maung U, Inspector of Police, Traffic.
12. U Aung Gyi, Thingangyun Motor Bus Organization.
13. U Chit Myaing, All Rangoon Private Taxis Organization.
14. U Aung Nyein, 8th Mile Motor Bus Organization.
15. U Ba Chan, General Manager, Union of Burma Shipping Board.
16. Bo Thein Zan, Federation of Trade Organizations.
17. U Tun Aung, Parliamentary Secretary.
18. Secretary, Ministry of Transport & Communications.
19. U Tun Yi, Htaukkyan Motor Bus Organization.
20. U Hla, College Motor Bus Organization.
21. U Sein Wan, Pagoda Road Motor Bus Organization.
22. U Sein Ban, Tamwe Motor Bus Organization.
23. U Chit Tin, All Rangoon Hired Lorries Organization.
24. U Han Tein, Insein Motor Bus Organization.

Acting as Excentive Officers to the above Sub--Committee--U Kyaw Sein, Administrative Officer 4, Union Buddha Sasana Council.

Health Sub-Committee :

1. Colonel Maung Maung Gyi—Chairman.
2. Dr. U Shwe Thwin.
3. U Maung Maung.
4. Bo Hmu Tun Tin, Union of Burma Electricity Supply Boatd.
5. Bo Ye Hla.
6. Bo Min Lwin, Rehabilitation Brigade.
7. Bo Taik Soe, Rehabilitation Brigade.
8. Daw Hnin, Nursing Service.
9. U Chit Pe.
10. Dr. Tun Min, Corporation of Rangoon.
11. U Lwin, District Health Officer, Insein.

(The above Sub-Committee is also responsible for allotment of sites and electrical works.)

Acting as Executive Officer to the above Sub-Committee--U Than Pe, Estate Officer, Buddha Sasana Council.

Reception and Watch and Ward Sub-Committee :

1. Mayor U Maung Maung—Chairman.
2. U Khing Maung Pyu, Chief Secretary to the Union Government.
3. U Tin Maung, Foreign Office.
4. U Hla Aung.
5. U Maung Gyi, Foreign Office.
6. U Ba Thein Zan, Secretary, Corporation of Rangoon.
7. U Thet Ni, National Housing and Town & Country Development Board.
8. U Khin Maung Nyunt, Boy Scouts Association.
9. U Hla Gyaw, Chief Executive Officer, R ehabilitation Brigade.
10. U Khin Maung Lwin, Director of Fire Services.
11. U Ngwe Din, Deputy Commissioner, Insein.
12. U Shin (2), District Superintendent of Police, Insein.
13. Bo Sin, Burma Ambulance Brigade.
14. Lt.-Commdr. Tin Thein Lu, Burma Navy.
15. Flt.-Lt. Khin Maung Hlaing, Burma Air Force.
16. Bo Gyi Khin Myint.
17. U Khin Maung Maung, Commissioner of Police, Rangoon.

Acting as Executive Officer to the above Sub-Committee--U Saing Kyaw, Administrative Officer (2), Union Buddha Sasana Council.

Withahkha Women's Association for sponsoring the Novitiation Ceremony of 2,500 youths to commemorate the successful conclusion of the Sixth Great Buddhist Council and 2500th Buddha Jayanti

Central Committee:

1. Daw Mya Yee (wife of Prime Minister U Nu)--President.
2. Daw Mya Shwe (wife of Minister Thakin Tin)--Vice--President.
3. Daw Thein Nu (wife of Minister Bo Khin Maung Gale).
4. Daw Nu Nu (wife of U Chit, Chairman, U.B.A.)--Secretary.
5. Daw Khin Pyone (wife of U Ba Sein)--Joint Secretary.
6. Daw Than Sein (wife of Minister U Tin)--Treasurer.
7. U Ko Ko, R.A.--Auditor.

Executive Members :

1. U Maung Maung, Mayor of Rangoon.
2. Bo Khin Maung Gale, President, Rgn. Dt. AFPFL.
3. Daw Tin Tin Aye (wife of Bo Hmu Aung, Speaker of the Chamber of Deputies).
4. Maha Devi of Yawnghwe (wife of Sao Shwe Thike, Speaker of the Chamber of Nationalities).
5. Daw Khin Kyi (Mrs. Aung San).
6. Daw Khin Nyun (wife of Minister U Tun Win).
7. Daw Sein Thaung (wife of Minister Thakin Kyaw Tun).
8. Daw Mya May (wife of Minister U Win Maung).
9. Daw Si Si (wife of Minister U Aung Pa).
10. Daw Nu Nu Swe (wife of Minister U Ba Swe).
11. Daw Hpyu Hpyu (wife of Minister U Ba Saw).
12. Daw Mya Thwe (wife of Minister Bo Min Gaung).
13. Daw Khin Thet Tin (wife of U Tin, Engineer).
14. Daw May Set (wife of U Thein Maung).
15. Daw Kyin (wife of U San Thein).
16. Daw Thant (wife of U Maung Maung), U Sin Daw Htay & Co.
17. Daw Khin Htwe (wife of U Mya Yin).
18. Daw Tin (wife of U Than Naing).
19. Daw Mya Sein (Merchant).
20. Daw May May Yi, Merchant.
21. Daw Nu Nu (wife of U Po Hla).
22. Daw Aye Khin (wife of U Tun U).
23. Daw Thein Chit (wife of Parrot U San Ni).
24. Daw Than Sein (wife of U Po Sa).
25. Daw Kyu Kyu (wife of U Thaw Zin, Retired D.C.).
26. Daw Than Myint (U Chit Mg & Co.).
27. Daw Mya Kyi (wife of Dr. Ba Gale).
28. Daw Mi Mi (wife of U Kyaw Shein, Proprietor "Burma Star" Newspaper).
29. Daw On Sein (wife of U Kyaw Sein).
30. Daw Nyun Sein (U Ba Thwin & Co.)
31. Daw Nyun Nyun (wife of U E Mg).
32. Daw San Yee (wife of "Thattu" U Kyaw Shein).
33. Daw Khin Phone (wife of U Tun Shain, Chartered Bank).
34. Daw Khin Yee (Proprietor, Nay Yi Yi Stores).
35. Daw Kyi Kyi Mg (U Ba Mg, Retired D. & S. Judge).
36. Daw Pu (Henzada U Mya).
37. Daw Mya Kyi (U Tha Saing, Rice Mill Owner).
38. Daw Mi Mi Gyi (Commodore Than Pe, Chief of Naval Staff).
39. Daw Soe Soe (U Han Thein, B.S.I.).
40. Daw Saw Yi (ex C.P. U Kyaw Myint).
41. Daw Yin Mi (U Po Tha, Rangoon University).
42. Daw Khin Kyi Yin, B.A.
43. Daw Mu Mu (U Khin Nyun, Secretary to the Union Government).
44. Daw Hla May (Deedoke U Ba Choe).
45. Daw Khin Ni (Mahn Ba Khaing).
46. Daw Aye Su (wife of U Tha Din).
47. Daw Tin Hline, Merchant.
48. Daw Aye Aye (wife of Col. Ba Than).
49. Daw Aye Kyi (Boh Sein Hman).
50. Daw Tin Tin On (Choe Agency).
51. Daw Than Sein (U Tun Yin).

Sub-Committees and their Presidents:

1. Collection and Receiving of properties Sub-Committee--Daw Sein Thaung (wife of Minister Thakin Kyaw Tun).
2. Reception Sub-Committee--Daw Nu Nu Swe (wife of Minister U Ba Swe).
3. Food and "Soon" Sub-Committee--Daw Mya May (wife of Minister U Win Maung).
4. Caring of Samaneras Sub-Committee--Daw Tin Tin Aye (wife of Bo Hmu Aung).
5. Information and Public Relations Sub-Committee--Daw Khin Nyun (wife of Minister U Tun Win).

"Hlu-Dan-Yay" (Gift-Offerings) Committee

1. Daw Nwe Nwe Yi, B.A., B.L.,—Chairman.
2. U Ba Swe--Secretary.
3. Daw Nu Yin--Joint Secretary.
4. U Saing Kyaw--Executive Officer.

1. "Soon-Kun" Sub-Committee:

(*a*) Finance.
(*b*) Purchases.
(*c*) Arrangements.
(*d*) Cooking Supervision.
(*e*) Store-keeping.
(*f*) Supervision of stewards attending the Sanghas.
(*g*) Transport.
(*h*) Organization.

(2) "Soon-Gyi-laung" (Offerings of alms-food) Sub-Committee:

(*a*) Finance.
(*b*) Purchase of articles.
(*c*) Publicity Drive to obtain Donors.
(*d*) Arrangements for ceremonies.
(*e*) Collection and care of stores.

(3) Homage to Sanghas Sub-Committee

(*a*) Finance.
(*b*) Acceptance of donations.
(*c*) Arrangements for ceremonies.
(*d*) Acceptance and care of gifts donated.
(*e*) Purchase of articles for offering.

(4) Publicity Sub-Committee:

1. Daw Khin Shwe, B.A., B.Ed.,--Chairman.
2. Daw May Si--Secretary.

(1) "Soon-Kun" Sub-Committee

(a) *Finance Section*

1. Daw Aye Kywe--Chairman
2. Daw Ohn Thin--Secretary.
3. Daw Khin Hta--Joint Secretary.

(b) *Purchases Section*

1. Daw Tin Kyi--Chairman.
2. Daw Khin Myint Lay—Secretary.
3. Daw Khin Myint Gyi—Joint Secretary.

(c) *Arrangements Section*

1. Daw Mya Kyin--Chairman.
2. Daw Khin Than (Su)--(Secretary),
3. Daw Khin Than (Doke)--Joint Secretary.

(d) *Cooking Supervision Section*

1. Daw Kyu Kyu--Chairman.
2. Daw Khin Myint Win--Secretary.
3. Daw Thein Yi--Joint Secretary.

(e) *Store-keeping Section*

1. Daw Sein Kyi--Chairman.
2. Daw Khin Htwe--Secretary.
3. Daw Ohn May--Joint Secretary.

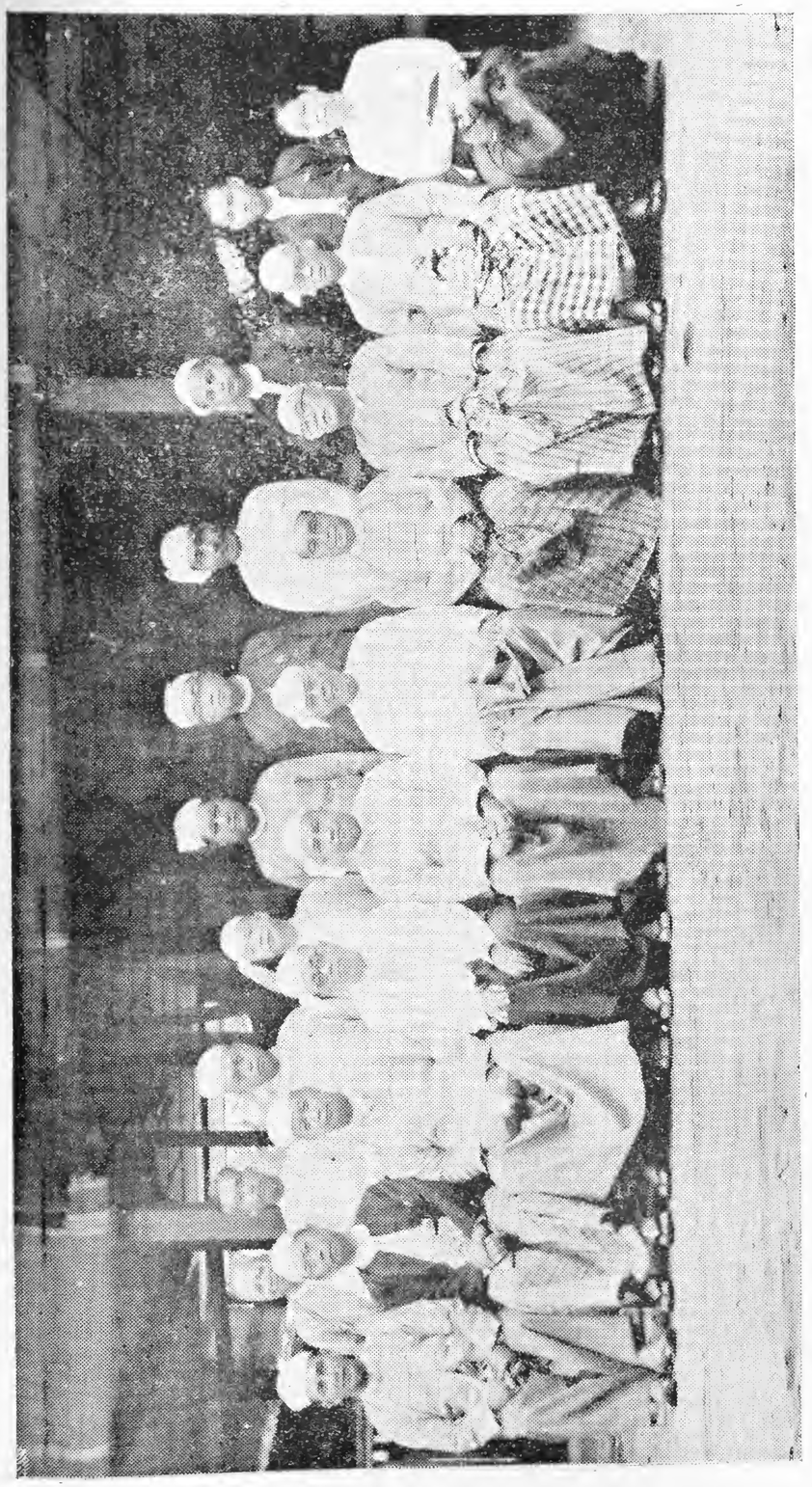
(f) *Supervision of Stewards Section*

1. Daw Myint Myint Phoo--Chairman.
2. Daw Khin Kyi--Secretary.
3. Daw Tin U--Joint Secretary.

(g) *Transport Section*

1. Daw Lucy--Chairman.
2. Daw Kyin Myaing--Secretary.
3. Daw Tin Than--Joint Secretary.

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Chief Justice of the Union U Thein Maung (Chairman), and some of the Executive Members of the Chattha Sangayana and 2500th Buddha Jayanti Celebrations Central Committee



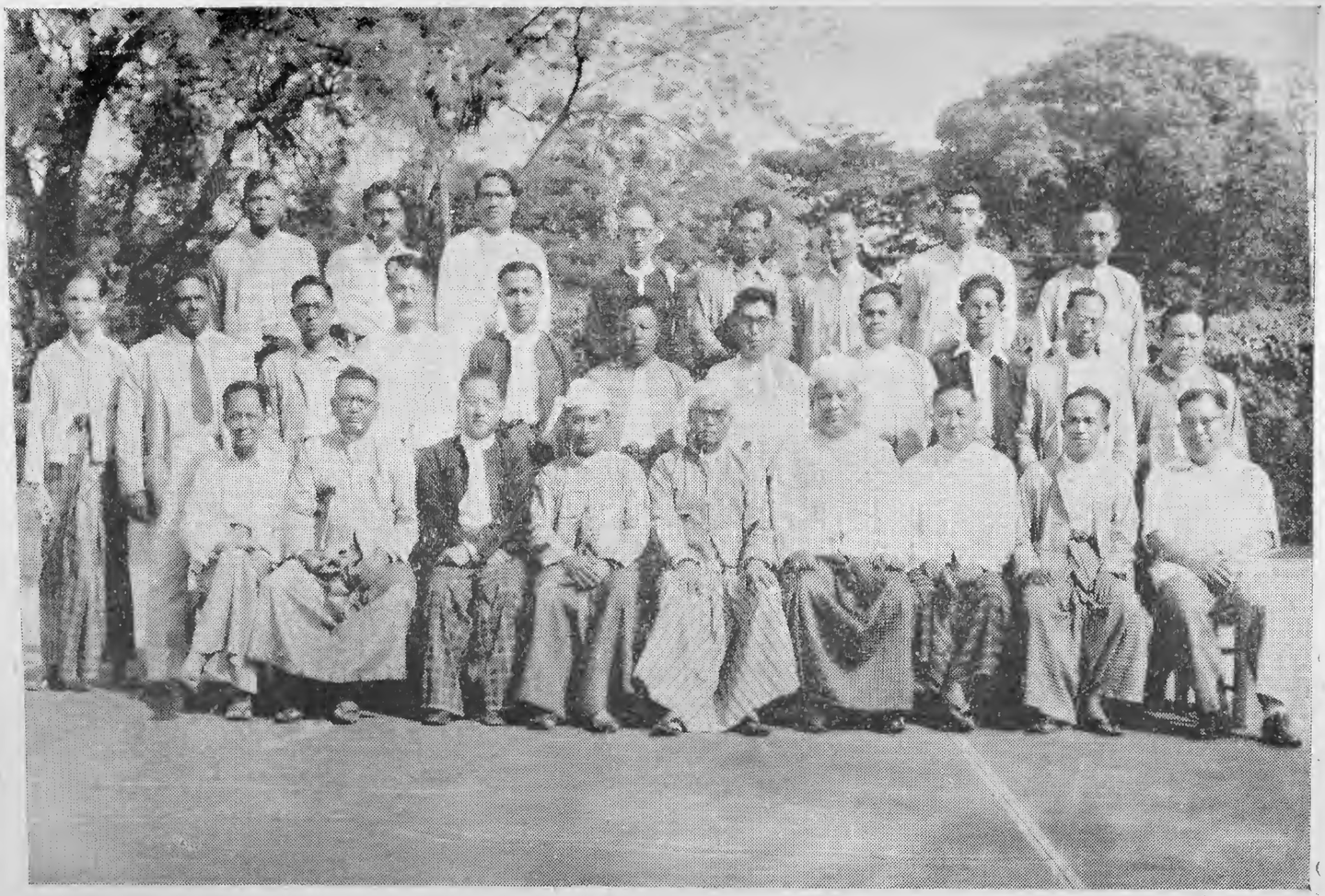
Members of the Withakha Women's Association, with the President Daw Mya Yee (Mrs. Nu) in centre



Members of the "Hlu-Dan-Yay" (Gift-Offerings) Committee. Chairman Daw Nwe Nwe Yi, B.A., B.L. (Mrs. Kyaw Nyein) is in centre



"Sattu-Ditha" (Free Feasting for the People) Sub-Committee



Members of the Entertainments Sub-Committee



Publicity Sub-Committee



Transport Sub-Committee



Health Sub-Committee



Reception and Watch and Ward Sub-Committee

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(b) *Organization Section*

1. Daw Saw Shin--Chairman.
2. Daw Ohn Tin—Secretary.
3. Daw Aye Kyi--Joint Secretary.

(2) "Soon-Gyi-Laung" (Offerings of alms-food) Sub-Committee

(a) *Finance Section*

1. Pinlon Daw Kyi Kyi—Chairman.
2. Daw Khin Khin Su--Secretary.

(b) *Purchase of Articles Section*

1. Daw Kyin Kee—Chairman.
2. Daw San Yi—Secretary.

(c) *Publicity Drive to obtain Donors Section*

1. Daw Hla Khin (Thoung)--Chairman.
2. Daw Khin Aye Kyu—Secretary.
3. Daw Khin Thaik--Joint Secretary.

(d) *Arrangements for Ceremonies Section*

1. Lt./Commander Tin Thein Lu.
2. U Ba Thein Zan—Secretary.

(e) *Collection and Care of Stores*

1. U Ba Pe—Chairman.
2. U Ohn Maung--Secretary.

(3) Homage to Sanghas Sub-Committee

(a) *Finance Section*

1. U Tun Lwin--Chairman.
2. Bo Hmu Hla--Secretary.

(b) *Acceptance of Donations Section*

1. U Yu Saing--Chairman.
2. U Pwint Gaung--Secretary.

(c) *Arrangements for Ceremonies Section*

1. U Tin Nwe--Chairman.
2. U Chan Tun—Secretary.
3. U Ba Kyi--Joint Secretary.

(d) *Acceptance and Care of Gifts Donated Section*

1. U Cho--Chairman.
2. U Myint Soe--Secretary.
3. Daw Khin San Kyi--Joint Secretary.

(e) *Purchase of Articles for Offering Section*

1. Daw Kyi Kyi (Maung)--Chairman.
2. Daw Kin Hmon--Secretary.
3. Daw Saw Khin--Joint Secretary.

Activities of the Chattha Sangayana Buddhist Women's Catering Association

Founding of the Association :

Due to a great desire on the part of the Buddhist women to help the Union Buddha Sasana Council in making arrangements for offering of meals to the bhikkhu-invitees to the Chattha Sangayana and to the Sangiti-karaka Mahatheras, a general meeting of the Buddhist women was held on the 28th March 1954 in the Preaching Hall at the Thathana Yeiktha. About 50 representatives from the 30 Buddhist Women's Associations attended the meeting and founded the General Council of Chattha Sangayana Buddhist Women's Catering Association.

Under the leadership of Daw Nwe Nwe Yi, B.A., B.L., who is also Chairman of the Gift-Offerings Committee listed above, the Association has performed a great *kusala* (Merit) by this catering service, and its members are greatly inspired that they have been able to successfully discharge their duties during the First, Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth Sessions of the Chattha Sangayana.

Management :

The five following Sub-Committees have been formed :

(1) Organisation Sub-Committee.
(2) Purchasing Sub-Committee.
(3) Stores Sub-Committee.
(4) Cookery Sub-Committee.
(5) Catering Sub-Committee.

These sub-committees have been able to discharge their duties efficiently, and have achieved great merit.

Activities :

For two years the members of the Association under the leadership of Daw Nwe Nwe Yi have rendered their services with will and fervour at the sacrifice of comfort. Thus they are praise-worthy for showing to the world that the Buddhist women have been so successful in such Sasana work.

The Union of Burma Buddha Sasana Council

Its activities in discharging the duties connected with the holding of the Chattha Sangayana

The three religious Acts :

The following three religious Acts were framed and passed by the Parliament of the Union of Burma :—

(1) Ecclesiastical Courts Act,
(2) Pali University and Dhammacariya Act, and
(3) Union of Burma Buddha Sasana Council Act.

The first conference :

After the passing of the Union of Burma Buddha Sasana Council Act, the first conference to substantiate the provisions of the Act was convened at the Rangoon University Dhammayon (Preaching Hall) on August 26, 1950 at 1.25 p.m. under the sponsorship of the Hon'ble U Win, Minister for Home and Religious Affairs.

At that conference the names of the 51 delegates from all parts of Burma were proclaimed. After the proclamation, the following members of the Executive Council were elected under the provisions of the Act :

Regional representatives	...	10
Elected by the Ovadacariya Mahatheras	... ...	9
Nominated by H.E. the President of the Union of Burma	...	8
Total	...	27

Sub-Committees :

The first meeting of the Executive Council of the Buddha Sasana Council was held at the chamber of the Secretariat Buddhist Association to appoint Sub-Committees to discharge the duties as enumerated in para 18 of the Buddha Sasana Council Act. Under section 23 of the said Act the following Sub-Committees were formed with the two Honorary General Secretaries as *ex officio* members to all Sub-Committees :--

(1). Pariyatti (Learning the Wording of the Doctrine) Sub-Committee ;
(2) Patipatti (Practising the Doctrine) Sub-Committee.
(3) Propagation Sub-Committee, and
(4) Finance Sub-Committee.

Members of the Executive Council :

1. The Hon'ble U Ba Saw, Minister for Religious Affairs.
2. *Thado Thiri Thudhamma* Sir U Thwin.
3. *Agga Maha Thray Sithu* U Thein Maung, Chief Justice of the Union.
4. U Ohn Pe (Retired Justice of the High Court).
5. *Maha Thiri Thudhamma* (Henzada) U Mya.
6. *Sithu* U San Nyunt, Commissioner for Elections.
7. *Sithu* U San Thein, Commissioner of Income-tax.
8. Chatthin U Ba Tin.
9. U Kyi Pe, *Patamagyaw*, Director of Religious Affairs.
10. *Thray Sithu* U Hla Gyaw.
11. U Po Mya (Pariyatti Sasananuggaha Association).
12. U Tin Aung, Deputy Director of Religious Affairs, Upper Burma.
13. U Myint Han, Religious Officer, Upper Burma.
14. U Ba Than (Mandalay).
15. U Kyaw (Mandalay).
16. U Thaw (Mandalay).
17. U Tun Pe (Zediyingana Pariyatti Association).
18. U Tun Aung, Retired Sessions Judge, Akyab.
19. U Sin Nyunt (Karen State).
20. U Kyun Kyaw, Pleader, Myingyan.
21. U Hla Thwin, Pleader, Maubin.
22. U Tun Myint, Pleader, Pegu.
23. Saya Aw, Shwebo.
24. U Po San, Amherst.

25. *Thado Maha Thray Sithu* U Chan Tun, Justice of the Supreme Court, Honorary General-Secretary (1).
26. U Ba Swe, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Religious Affairs, Honorary General-Secretary (2).
27. Daw Nwe Nwe Yee, B.A., B.L. (Mrs. U Kyaw Nyein).

Chattha Sangayana Sub-Committee :

The Government of the Union of Burma made all arrangements to contribute towards the funds for the Chattha Sangayana which has been convened for the following purposes :—

(1) To endure the Buddha's Sasana for a great length of time,
(2) To revise the Pali Texts,
(3) To enable those not acquainted with Pali to easily understand the Buddha-Dhamma, and
(4) To propagate the Buddha-Dhamma to foreign countries.

The Government then considering that it would be more beneficial to the public in acquiring merits if the preparations for the holding of the Chattha Sangayana be entrusted with the Buddha Sasana Council which represents the Buddhist populace of the country, convened two meetings, one in the Prime Minister's residence and the other at the residence of the Minister for Religious Affairs, in both of which meetings the matter of transferring the duties to the Buddha Sasana Council was considered. Finally, in a meeting of the Executive Committee held on the 13th Waning of Thadingyut, 2495 B.E. (8-11-51), the Minister for Religious Affairs transferred the business of the holding of the Chattha Sangayana to the Buddha Sasana Council. Since then, the Council has striven its best to make preparations for the holding of the Chattha Sangayana and is still discharging its duties through the Chattha Sangayana Sub-Committee and the various Sub-Committees under it.

The three principal objects of holding the Chattha Sangayana :

In February 1952 a conference of the leading bhikkhus of the country was convened at the Thatthana Yeiktha, Kokine Road, Rangoon, to ascertain the views of the Bhikkhu Sangha of Burma on the holding of the Chattha Sangayana. Fifty-three Mahatheras attended the Conference and they were the Union Ovadacariya Mahatheras and the Union Vinaya-dhara Mahatheras appointed under the Viniccaya Thana Act (Ecclesiastical Courts Act) and the *Agga Maha Pandita* Mahatheras (the bhikkhus on whom the title of *Agga Maha Pandita* has been conferred for their learning).

At this Conference of the Sangha the following resolutions were passed :—

(1) Resolved that there being plenty of mis-spellings made by the scribes in repeatedly copying the five Nikayas and the Teachings of the Buddha, it is expedient to hold the Chattha Sangayana for the purpose of purifying the Texts, scrutinizing, editing, reciting and arranging all the teachings of the Buddha.

(2) Resolved that in order to print these edited Pitakas in books, to recite them in the Sixth Great Buddhist Council and to distribute these all over the world with the object of promoting the Buddha's Sasana, it is expedient to hold the Sixth Great Buddhist Council.

(3) Resolved that in order to enable the Union of Burma, in collaboration with the other Buddhist countries of the world to propagate Theravada Buddhism in foreign lands, and to promote the Buddha's Sasana as far as practicable, it is expedient to hold the Sixth Great Buddhist Council.

Supreme Sangha Council :

At a meeting of the Ovadacariya Mahatheras held on the full moon of Tabodwe, 1313 B.E., the Bharanittharaka Sabha (the Supreme Sangha Council) was formed and the following are the present executive members :—

1. His Holiness the Most Venerable Abhi Dhaja Maha Ratta Guru Bhadanta Suriya Mahathera (Masoeyein Sayadaw), Mandalay—President.
2. U Esika Mahathera (Shwezedi Sayadaw) *Agga Maha Pandita*, Yenangyaung.
3. U Nanika Mahathera (Hnit-kyaik-shitsu Sayadaw).

4. U Nandavamsa Mahathera *Agga Maha Pandita*, Presiding Mahathera of Mahavisutarama Monastery, Pakokku.
5. U Nandima Mahathera, *Agga Maha Pandita*, Khinmakhan Monastery, Mandalay.
6. U Kondanna Mahathera, *Agga Maha Pandita*, Payagyitaik, Rangoon.
7. U Indasabha, *Agga Maha Pandita* (Hanthawaddy Sayadaw), Payagyitaik, Mandalay.
8. U Pandicca Mahathera, Minkyaung Monastery, Pabedan, Moulmein.
9. U Okkansa Mahathera, *Agga Maha Pandita*, Payagyitaik, Mandalay.
10. U Issariya Mahathera, Ashin Adiccavamsa Monastery, Rangoon.
11. U Nanavamsa Mahathera, *Agga Maha Pandita*, Visuddarama Monastery, Mandalay.
12. U Alara Mahathera, *Agga Maha Pandita*, Kanbe, Rangoon.
13. U Neyya Mahathera, Ledisankyaung Monastery, Pyinmana.
14. U Sobhana, *Agga Maha Pandita*, Thabyebin Monastery, Henzada.
15. U Kesara Mahathera (Mingalasukha Sayadaw), Kyaukmyaung, Rangoon.
16. U Pandita Mahathera (Anisakan Sayadaw), Sagaing Hills.
17. U Nagavamsa Mahathera (Bagaya Sayadaw), Rangoon, Honorary Secretary of the Sangha Supreme Council.
18. U Dhammananda, Myaungmya Monastery, Bassein.
19. U Janaka Mahathera, *Agga Maha Pandita*, Amarapura.
20. U Visuddha Mahathera (Vijjalankara Sayadaw), Joint Secretary of the Sangha Supreme Council.
21. U Sobhana Mahathera, *Agga Maha Pandita* (Mahasi Sayadaw), Rangoon.
22. U Neminda Mahathera, Kangyi-kyaung Monastery, Yawnghwe.
23. U Narasiha Mahathera, Akyab.
24. U Tiloka Mahathera, Bagaya Monastery, Rangoon.

Sub-Committees of the Sangha Supreme Council :

(1) Sangayana Arrangements Sub-Committee (Sangitividhayaka).
(2) Security Sub-Committee (Arakkha).
(3) Sub-Committee to verify and rectify all the controversial points (Kathavisajjaka).
(4) Service Sub-Committee (Veyyavacca)

NOTE.—Ten Mahatheras serve on each Sub-Committee.

Revision of the Texts :

For the purpose of editing the Pali texts of the five Nikayas for recital at the Sixth Buddhist Council two groups had been formed, namely—

(1) Separate groups on a national level and
(2) an International group.

116 groups of Burmese monks :

A list of competent editors was compiled from among all the Burmese Bhikkhus who are able to edit the Texts, and the work was distributed as follows :—

As far as Burma is concerned, in order not to leave out any monk who is qualified for editing the Scriptures, nominations were called from far and wide throughout the Union and a register was prepared.

(1) A selection was made from this register by the Ovadacariya Sanghanayaka Mahatheras of the Union who constituted 116 Pali Visodhaka groups (of Editors, comprising 1,126 monks.
(2) Then the five Nikayas were split up into 116 parts, which were allotted to these groups for editing a part each.
(3) For this purpose, the relevant texts, such as the Burma Text (which was checked with the text on the stone inscriptions), Thai Text, Ceylon Text, "London" Text and Cambodia Text were sent to them for reference.
(4) Then the Scriptures were edited by these groups of Editors in comparison with these various texts and also with Atthakatha (Commentary), Tika (Sub-Commentary), etc.

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EXECUTIVE MEMBERS OF THE BHARANITTHARAKA SABHA (THE SUPREME SANGHA COUNCIL)



His Holiness the Most Venerable Abhi Dhaja Maha Ratta Guru Bhadanta Suriya Mahathera (Masoeyein Sayadaw), Mandalay, *President*



U Esika Mahathera (Shwezedi Sayadaw), *Agga Maha Pandita* Yenangyaung



U Nanika Mahathera (Hnit-kyaik-shitsu Sayadaw)



U Nandavamsa Mahathera, *Agga Maha Pandita* Presiding Mahathera of Mahavisutarama Monastery, Pakokku



U Nandima Mahathera, *Agga Maha Pandita*, Khinmakhan Monastery, Mandalay



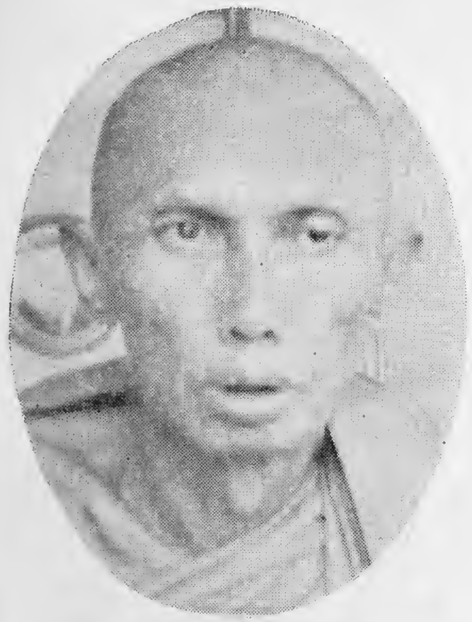
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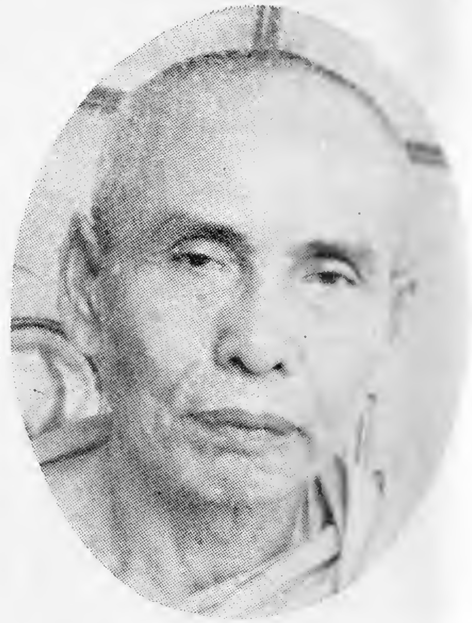
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Payagyitaik, Mandalay



U Issariya Mahathera, Ashin Adiccavam...
Monastery, Rangoon



U Nanavamsa Mahathera, *Agga Maha Pandita*,
Visuddharama Monastery, Mandalay



U Alara Mahathera, *Agga Maha Pandita*, Ka...
Rangoon



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Pyinmana



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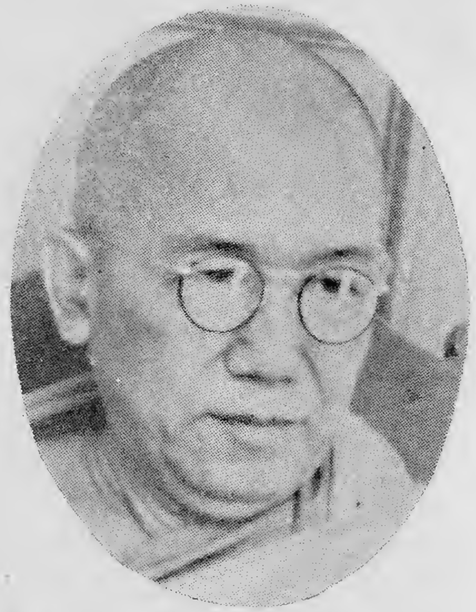
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U Pandita Mahathera (Animinkha Sayadaw),
Sagaing Hills



U Nagavamsa Mahathera (Bagaya Sayadaw), Rangoon, Honorary Secretary of the Sangha Supreme Council



U Dhammananda, Myaungmya Monastery Bassein



U Janaka Mahathera, *Agga Maha Pandita*, Amarapura



U Visuddha Mahathera (Vijjalankara Sayadaw), Joint Secretary of the Sangha Supreme Council



U Neminda Mahathera, Kangyikyaung Monastery, Yawnghwe



U Narasiha Mahathera, Akyab



U Tiloka Mahathera, Bagaya Monastery, Rangoon

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The Ovadacariya Sanghanayaka Mahatheras selected the editors on the following basis :—

That the editor should possess the following qualification :—

(i) a pass in the Mula Dhammacariya (Lecturership) Examination, or a pass in the Lecturership Examination held by the Government or Zediyingana Pariyatti Society or Pariyatti Sasanahita Association.

(ii) that he is able to discharge the duties entrusted with him by the meeting of the Ovadacariya Mahatheras.

(iii) that he has attained 20 Vassa (but the Ovadacariya Mahatheras may appoint any monk whom they think fit to undertake the editing work).

(iv) that he obeys the Rules of the Vinaya.

37 Ceylon Editing-groups :

In Ceylon also, 37 Visodhaka or Karakamandala groups (of Editors) comprising 185 monks were constituted by the Sangha and the Government of Ceylon in collaboration. These 37 groups divided the five Nikayas into 37 parts and edited a part each. These groups contained all Pitakattaya Kovida Mahatheras (senior monks well versed in the Scriptures), in the whole island of Ceylon. Copies of the text so edited by these 37 groups were then finally edited by the Uttaritaramandala Sangha Supreme Council comprising gana-pamokka pitakattayaseka Mahatheras (senior monks who are leaders of sects and proficient in Scriptures).

The Thai Edition of the Tipitaka :

As regards Thailand, the Head of the Sangha of Thailand handed over, to the Ovadacariya Sanghanayaka Organisation of the Union of Burma, the Chulalongkorn text, *i.e.*, the text recently published by King Cullalankara, commonly known as King Chulalongkorn of Thailand, in the form of the text obtained as a result of editing and re-editing by a separate group of Thai monks on a national level.

This Pali text known as Chulalongkorn text is that of the Scriptures printed and published by H.M. the King of Thailand after it was edited and re-edited collectively by Thai pitakattayaseka pitakakovida Mahatheras, proficient and well versed in the Scriptures.

The Cambodian Edition of the Tipitaka :

As for Cambodia, the Head of the Buddhist Order of that country sent the text of the Pali Scriptures which is being published after he had personally supervised and edited it, as the text obtained as a result of editing and re-editing by a separate group of Cambodian monks on a national level.

The "London" Edition of the Tipitaka :

Furthermore was included for collation, the text published in Roman characters by the Pali Text Society of London, which has been in existence for the past 80 years or so and functioning in the line, having been edited and re-edited by distinguished Pāli scholars of the whole world.

Boards of Revisers (Pativisodhaka) :

Boards of Revisers (Pativisodhaka) have also been formed, including Mahatheras who are international representatives, for the purpose of editing and re-editing collectively the texts received from various countries. These texts have already been edited and re-edited by learned scholars who are proficient and well versed in the Scriptures and who have been formed into separate national groups. On every such Board of Revisers there are representative Burmese Mahatheras elected by the Executive Committee of the Sangha in Burma, representative Mahatheras deputed by the Chattha Sangayana Sangha Supreme Council of Ceylon, and representative Thai Mahatheras deputed by the Sangharaja, Head of the Buddhist Order of Thailand.

In order to assist these Boards of Revisers there are scholars, either monks or laymen, as Assistant Editors, who know different languages. These Boards of Revisers take the responsibility to do the further revision, in consultation, of the Scriptures, each Board doing a book. They do this on the basis or authority of the Pali texts received from other countries, which have been edited and re-edited by the monks of those countries on a national level. They also refer to several works, such as atthakatha (commentary) and

...-commentary), anu, madhu, yojana, ...Pali and Sanskrit grammars and Pali ...skrit dictionaries.

...ision of the printing of the Texts :

...intments have been made to supervise ...nting of the Pali text of the Scriptures has gone through a series of editing by ...heras who are highly proficient in the ...ures. One Pali scholar, who is the ... senior and experienced layman among ... proof readers of the Scriptures has been ...pointed as the Chief Proof Reader to supervise the work. In addition, a strong staff of Pali scholars has also been appointed in the set-up and designated as Deputy Chief Proof Reader, Assistant Chief Proof Reader and Proof Readers.

The proof copies in print produced by the composing section of the Press are checked with the originals over and over again by the Assistant Proof Reader, Proof Reader and Deputy Chief Proof Reader in turn. The proof copy thus checked is further checked by the Chief Proof Reader jointly with the Board of Proof Readers (Sodheyapatta pathaka). At least four Mahatheras who are holders of the title of "Dhammacariya" sit on this Board in rotation. This proof, after being so checked, has again to be submitted to a higher Board of Final Proof Readers (Osana Sodheya patta pathaka). This higher Board comprises Mahatheras who are not only of outstanding proficiency in the Scriptures, but have, by dint of their extra-ordinary energy and attention, the capacity to sit throughout the day, and discuss together every day in meeting, relating either to characters, or their punctuation and position, so that there should not be any mistake or error in this respect.



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